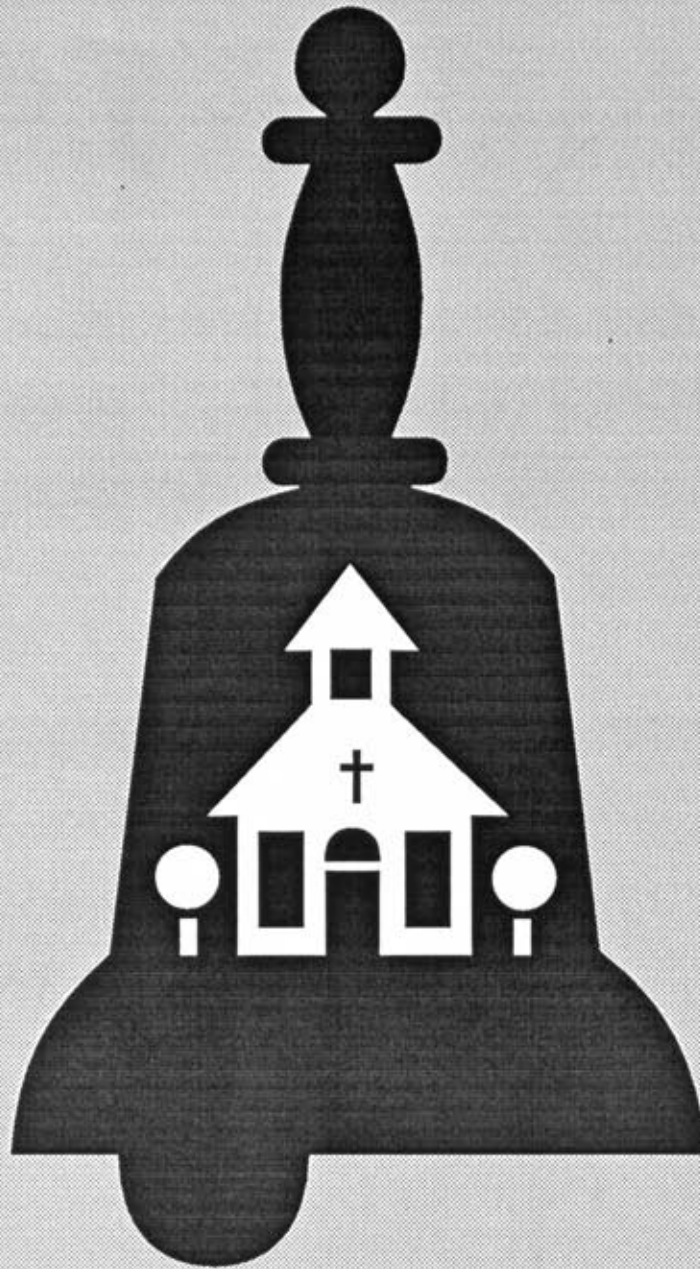


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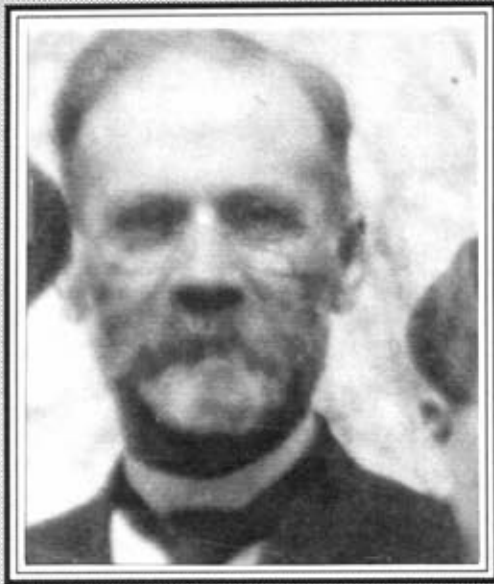
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*The fear of the Lord
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and instruction.*

Proverbs 1:7



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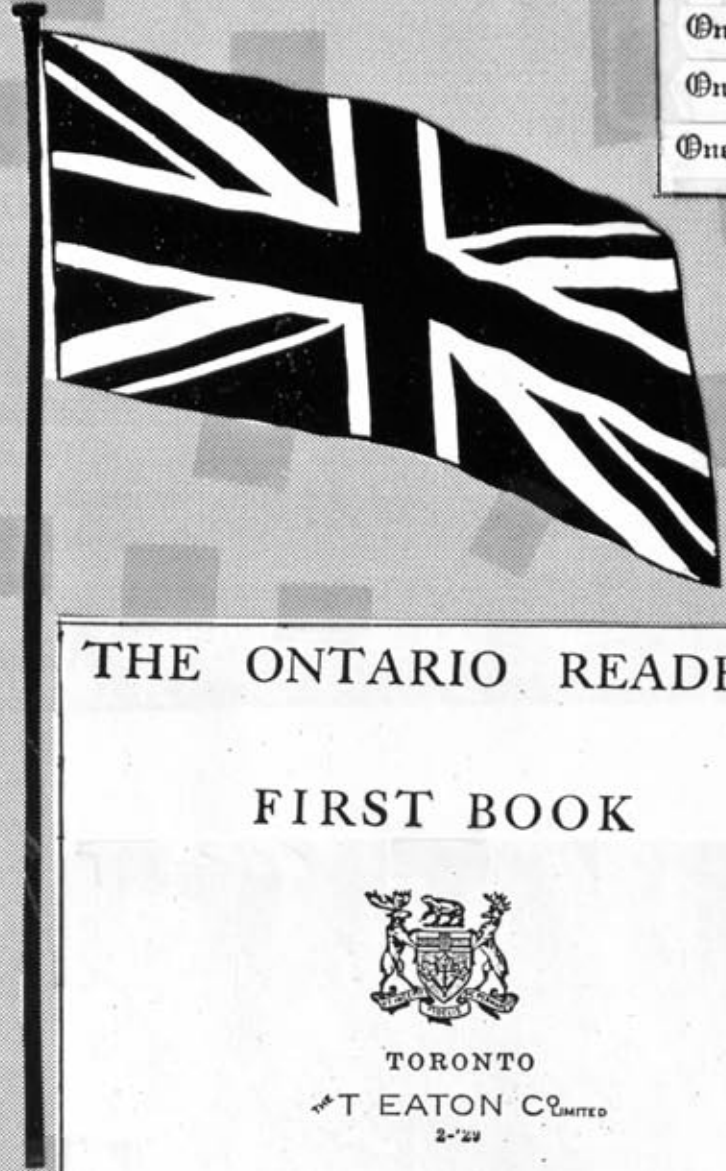
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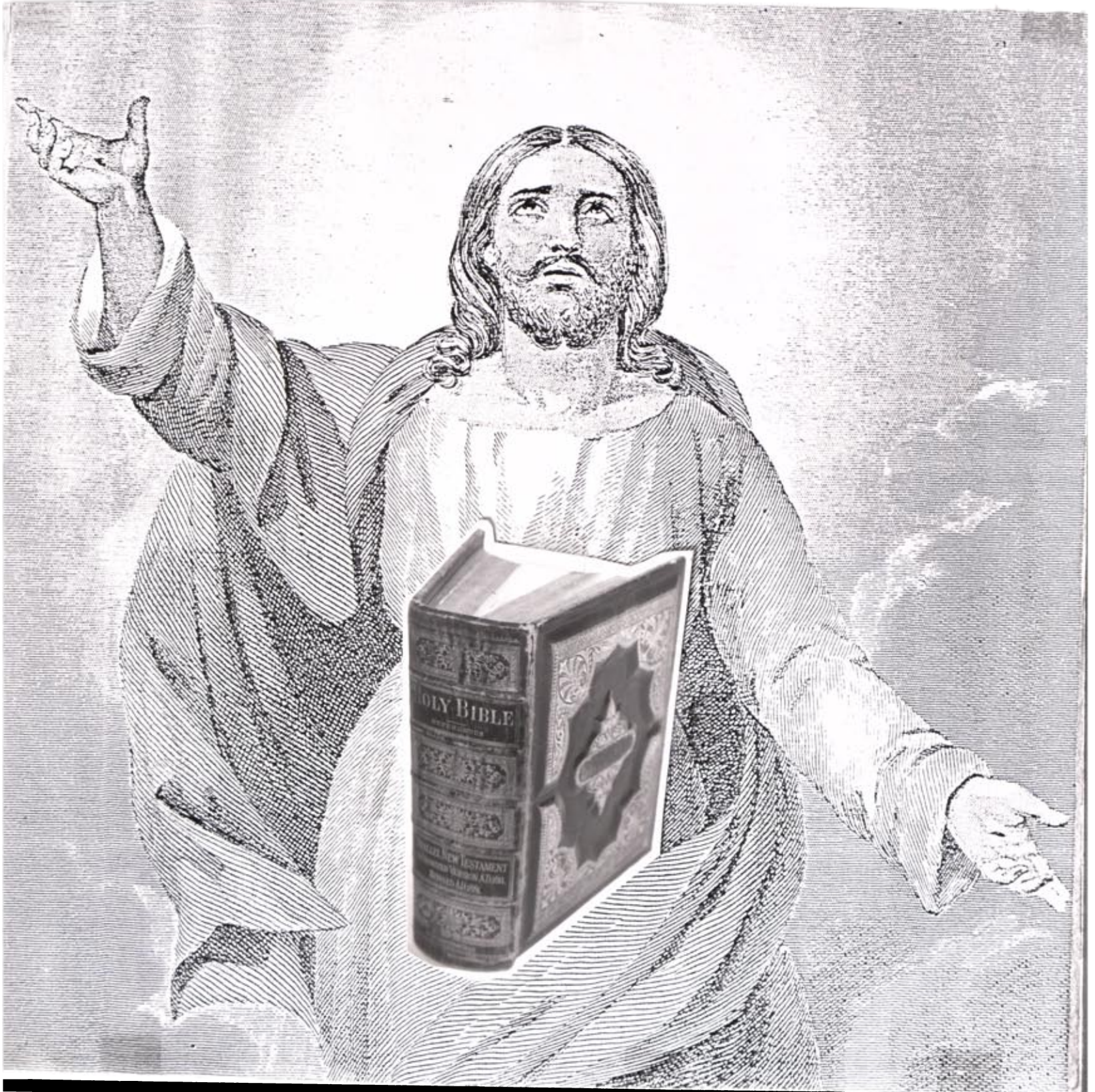
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CHAPTER 8

Spires, Sanctuaries & Scriptures



Our forefathers were church building people. Look around and notice the many steeples pointing heavenward, generally the tallest and most ornate piece of architecture in the community. The landscape was not always dotted with such impressive edifices. Prior to 1845, these central places of worship were not to be seen in the township. Instead, the local people simply opened their homes or met in the one room village school house for religious worship. The message was spread by word of mouth as to where and when to assemble in the neighbourhood and they came with the whole family. These people were the core of a new congregation at Oakland, which ultimately found sufficient funding for their own place of worship. In the early part of the nineteenth century, some children in the area were known to have been taken as far as the Mohawk Church, on the Grand, for baptism there being no local clergyman or official meeting place at Oakland.

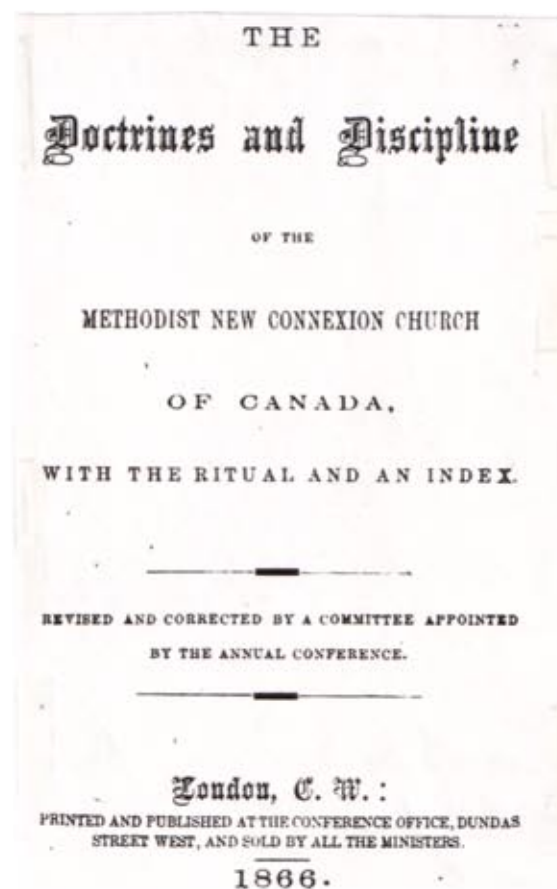
Circuit riders, who served not only to spread the gospel but to teach, travelled extensively throughout the region in the early part of the nineteenth century. These hardened clergymen, always male, gave religious instruction under the supervision of a conference leader, located at one of the larger centres. Any literate young man willing to endure the hardships of riding a horse for days over trails and back roads in all kinds of weather was a candidate to become a lay assistant, graduating to a circuit rider status with experience and training. The salary prior to 1800 was around \$60.00 a year, this being raised to \$80.00 in 1801, with a horse provided. Some used a horse and buggy, depending on the suitability of roads for travel with a vehicle. Services were held in cabins, bar rooms, private houses and often out in the open. Prayer meetings extended over several days, using tents for shelter.

This welcome visitor to the pioneer homes of Townsend in the Gore was awaited with great expectation, both for religious instruction and to perfect basic skills such as reading and writing, using the family bible as a textbook. Every family had a slate and slate pencils for each child to use over and over again by washing the slate clean. It was every mother's wish that the circuit rider spend a little time with the children to set lessons until his next visit.

One circuit rider who moved about extensively throughout the Oakland-Townsend region, the Reverend William Rammage (1808-1872), was born at Fort Amherstburg, Upper Canada on the 2nd of February 1808 the son of Henry Rammage (1775-1861) and Jane Russell (1786-1866). Bill Rammage grew up in the shadow of Fort Malden (Amherstburg) where his father served as a gunner with the Royal Artillery, seeing action in the war of 1812. Following the war, the Rammage family pioneered in Windham Township. Here William met and married Angeline Wood (1811-1871). They raised several children. Although William was baptised an Anglican at Sandwich, Upper Canada on the 7th of February 1808, he favoured the Methodist New Connexion Church. As a faithful follower and leader for the Methodists, he served at a number of small hamlets throughout Canada West, including the region of Oakland and Townsend.

The Reverend Rammage and his family lived at Waterford in 1860. Their third son, Caleb Edward (1844-1932), absconded from his Waterford home to join the Union Forces during the Civil War. His service with the Michigan volunteers commenced on the 10th of November 1863 at Saginaw. He was mustered out at Nashville, Tennessee on the 22nd of September 1865 and died in Pomona, California many years later.

Their second son, James H. Rammage (1841-1931), migrated to Louisville, Kentucky in 1865. He joined the Louisville Police Department in 1881, serving continuously until his retirement in 1918. A gunshot caused him serious wounds on May 16, 1883.



The cover of a reference book used by the Reverend Wm Rammage in 1866.

On the right is the Reverend William Rammage (1808-1872) and his wife Angeline Wood (1811-1871).

Bill Rammage was a great uncle to Russell Rammage (1895-1988), a farmer at Oakland for over half a century.



Circa 1870

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Yes, Angeline Rammage was a smoker - the flapper of yesteryear! While not considered an acceptable social disposition of that era, pipe smoking became a popular respite amongst older women - perhaps an early rebellious display of the suffrage movement. Her appliance, a floris clay pipe which is now a collectors item, has been preserved in the family. Angeline's addiction remained a family secret. The word was "mum" when socializing amongst her husband's flock!



Angeline Wood Rammage's pipe

In the mid nineteenth century there were several churches within the Oakland triangle and at least one on the periphery, the Brant Church located just inside the Brantford Township line.

The census, by religion, in 1861 lists a total of 1087 followers:

Church of England	110	Episcopal Methodist	139
Church of Rome	43	New Connexion Methodist	199
Established Church of Scotland	35	Baptist	280
Wesleyan Methodist	86	Congregationalists	195



BUILT 1849

The former Methodist Episcopal Church
(re-located to lot 4 Concession II and converted to a
farm house by George A. Campbell 1872-1943)

Oakland Congregations

Methodists

The first congregation, a Presbyterian group, surfaced in 1823. Services were held in a log school house, built in 1823 and located just west of the present church. John Bryning of Mount Pleasant ministered to the group. The Reverend Bryning, a catechist of the Church of Scotland, was, reportedly, a huge man who tipped the scales at three hundred pounds.

In 1834, a Methodist Episcopal congregation took root. They also met at the school house. Their church was part of the Oakland Circuit together with Windham Centre, Hartford, Block School House, Rockford and Villa Nova. They built a frame church, capable of seating three hundred and fifty people, where the existing manse stands. All did not go smoothly after a final decision on the location of the first church spread to the congregation. A dispute erupted, some favouring the north side of the road and others the south side. Those favouring the north side finally won out but the tension lingered for years.

Two of the first Episcopal ministers to accept a call at Oakland were Rev. D.C. Watts and the Reverend Withrow.

In 1854, the Wesleyan Methodists of Oakland and Wilsonville built a small church on a knoll of the Bannister farm, lot 7 concession I, south of Oakland along the old #24 Highway, the east side. Charter members were James Wilson, Mary Wilson, John Wilson, Richard Wilson, Mary Ann (Vivian) Nelles (1816-1889) and her husband John Nelles (1817-1885), John Roberts (1803-1888) and his wife Francis "Fanny" (Vivian) Roberts (1814-1905) and Stephen and Wm Ball. The congregation, often referred to as the "Townsend Branch", the "Smiths' Branch" or "Wilson's Branch", worshipped under the umbrella of the Mount Pleasant Circuit together with Mt. Vernon, Burford and Claremont. When the New Connexion group built a church east of the four corners, in 1857, many members transferred. Two years later the Wesleyan Church found a new location at Wilsonville. Rev. T. Goldsmith is believed to have ministered at the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

In 1857, the Methodist New Connexion people built a frame church on the site of the present cemetery grounds, at lots seven and eight of concession II, on the southwest corner, at a cost of \$1200.00. With tiered seating for three hundred and fifty an overly optimistic building committee over estimated their needs. The building was far too large for their small flock. An ornamental fence, with decorative posts, surrounded the church to keep out roaming livestock. The driveway, on the west side of the church, extended back to the church sheds at the rear. The church was part of the Waterford Circuit together with Waterford, Bethany, Mount Hope, Teeterville, Brant, Mount Zion, Bethlehem and the Old Windham church.

Contributors to the New Connexion Church Missionary Fund are recorded as being Mrs. B. Merritt, Miss A. Roberts, Mrs. J. Vivian, John Roberts, William Vivian, Sarah French, Sarah Shelden, Fannie A. Roberts, Wilfred Eddy, George and James Brine, Benjamin Merritt, Eliza Dunnett, Edward Malcolm, Benjamin Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Burtch, James Scott and John Toyne.

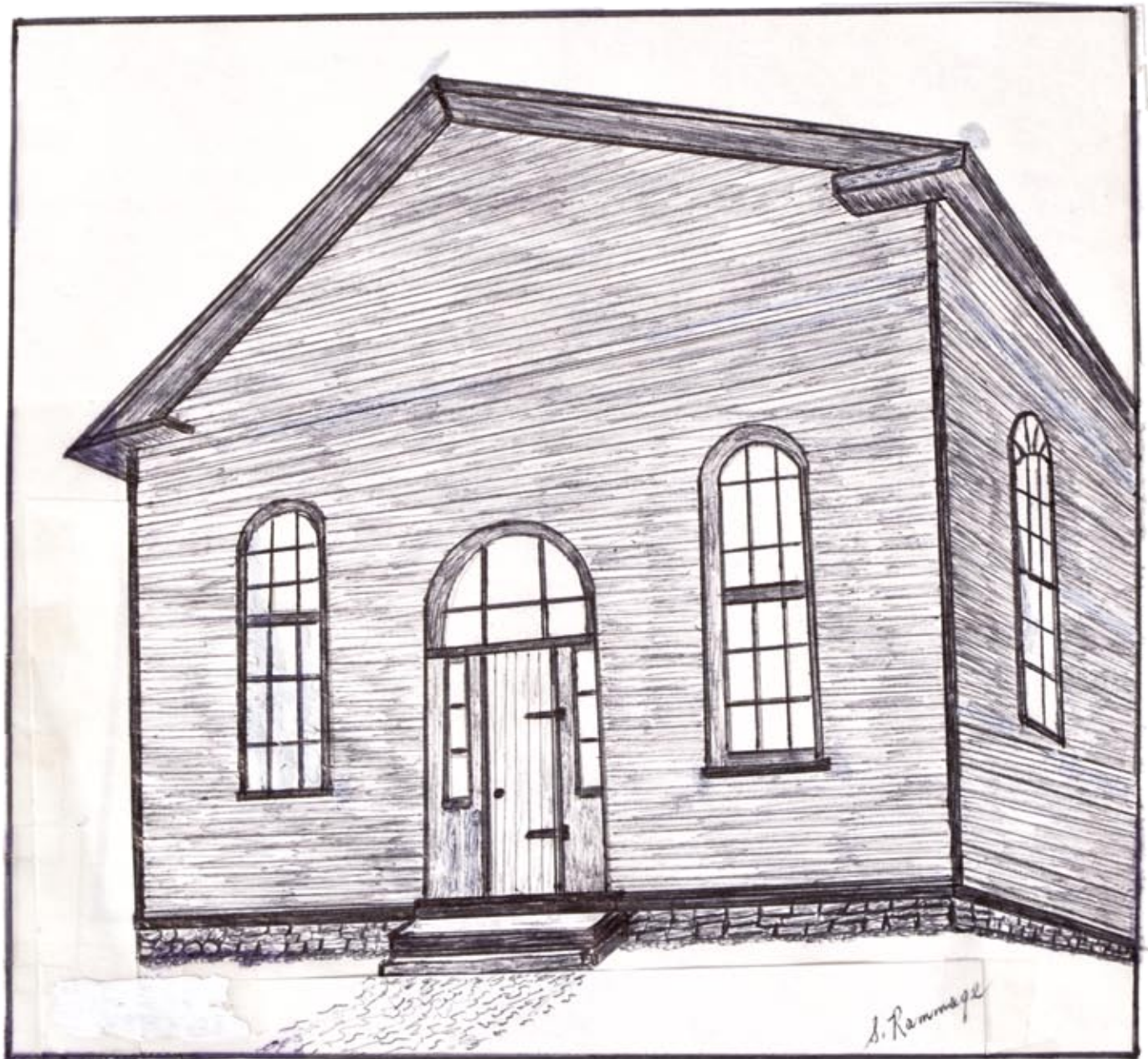
Some new Connexion ministers were: 1865 - J. McAlister and W. Grandy; 1866 - J. McAlister and John Eddy; 1867 - J. McAlister, R.A. Clement; 1868 - W. Williams, A.B. Walker; 1869 - W. Williams and R.A. Clement; 1870 - Wm Williams and Hon. O. Blake; 1871 - Geo. Buggin and Hon. O. Blake; 1872 - Geo. Buggin, R. and A. Clement; 1873 - J.R. Gundy and A. Barltrop; 1874 - J.R. Gundy and A.B. Walker. Some of the former were lay ministers, including John Eddy. In 1867 the membership stood at one hundred. John Vivian and his family left the Wesleyan Congregation in 1854 to join the New Connexion community. They were instrumental in building their newly found church three years later and the Reverend T. Goldsmith received the first call to Oakland New Connexion Church on the Waterford circuit.

Well known families of the New Connexion congregation were Merritt, Roberts, Dunnett, Eddy, Burtch and Malcolm. Some had previously been associated with the Wesleyan Methodists who left when their church moved to Wilsonville.

This community of Methodists disbanded sometime after the union in 1884. Many then joined the Episcopalians. The former church sat vacant for a time only to become a temptation for local youths to vandalize. Both Hoyt Anders and Carman Baldwin admitted, years later, to twirling apples on sticks and breaking all the windows. In the early 80's, the building found a new owner, the Canadian Order of Foresters. They moved it to a new location, placing it on a foundation to make two storeys. A capstan, with heavy spikes and ropes for anchoring it to the sides of the building, moved the former church up the street. The mover, Charlie Rock, used several horses to pull the building to its new site. Frank Knox laid the brick foundation. North Anders Sr. used the lower level as a place of business where he sold carriages and implements. The upper room became the C.O.F. Hall. A fire in 1984 caused considerable damage resulting in its demolition.

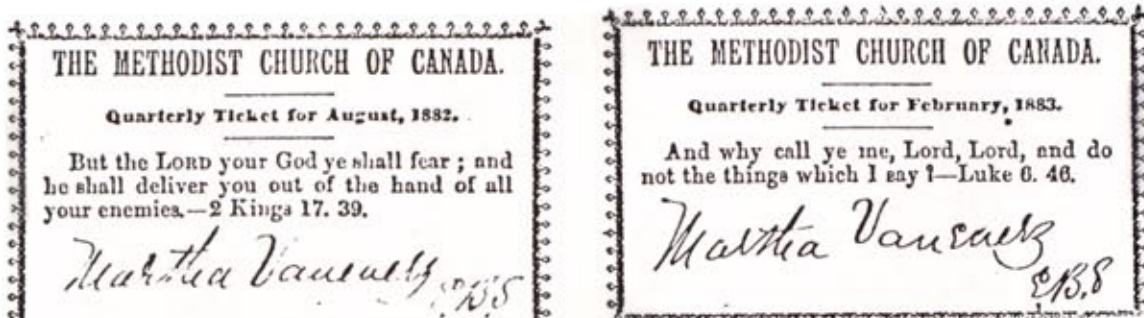
Following the 1884 merger of the Episcopalians, Wesleyans and the New Connexion people to form the Methodist Church of Canada, the old log and frame Episcopalian Church, which had been built on the present parsonage lot, was sold to Abraham Westbrook. He used it as an apple storage shed for his apple drying factory, situated opposite the Town Hall, at the west end of the village. Mr. Westbrook sold the old church to George Campbell in 1909. The new owner moved it to another site west of the village, on lot IV concession II. Bruce Campbell (1908-1990) and his family, followed by Harold Stratford (1904-1983) and his family followed by Walter Kisielewski used the old church as their farm house.

The Episcopalian Methodists of the Oakland circuit were a part of the Hamilton District of the Niagara Conference, comprised of churches in Oakland, Waterford, Villa Nova, Rockford, Lynnville, Round Plains, and Windham Centre. The presiding elder, Elijah H. Pitcher, had the support of lay preachers such as Oliver Olmstead, George Bradshaw, Daniel Truman, M. Hervy Baldwin. Thomas Mills served as secretary and Jaisson Kelly was classed as an exhorter.



The Oakland Methodist New Connexion Church, later the C.O.F. Hall, built in 1857 on the site of the present cemetery grounds. Final records show it ceased as a place of worship on March 22nd, 1884.

In the year 1857-58, the following people contributed to the mission of the Episcopal Church: Miss J. Smith, T. Mills, M.H. Baldwin, S. Smith, C. McEwan, J. Toyne, S. Beebe, T. Malcolm, S. Vanderlip, J. Winegarden, C. Binkley, H. Wesbrook, R. Beebe, S. Pecker, B. Key, M. Malcolm, W. Thompson, J. Pecker, T. Waugh. J. Scott, W. Vivyan, E. Knight, J. S. Dunnett, G. Markle.



Tickets issued to Martha Van Every from Bealton Church. Martha later became an Oakland resident and farmer's wife following her marriage to Ellsworth Dunnett in 1898. Her membership was transferred from Bealton to Lynnville to Oakland Methodist Church.

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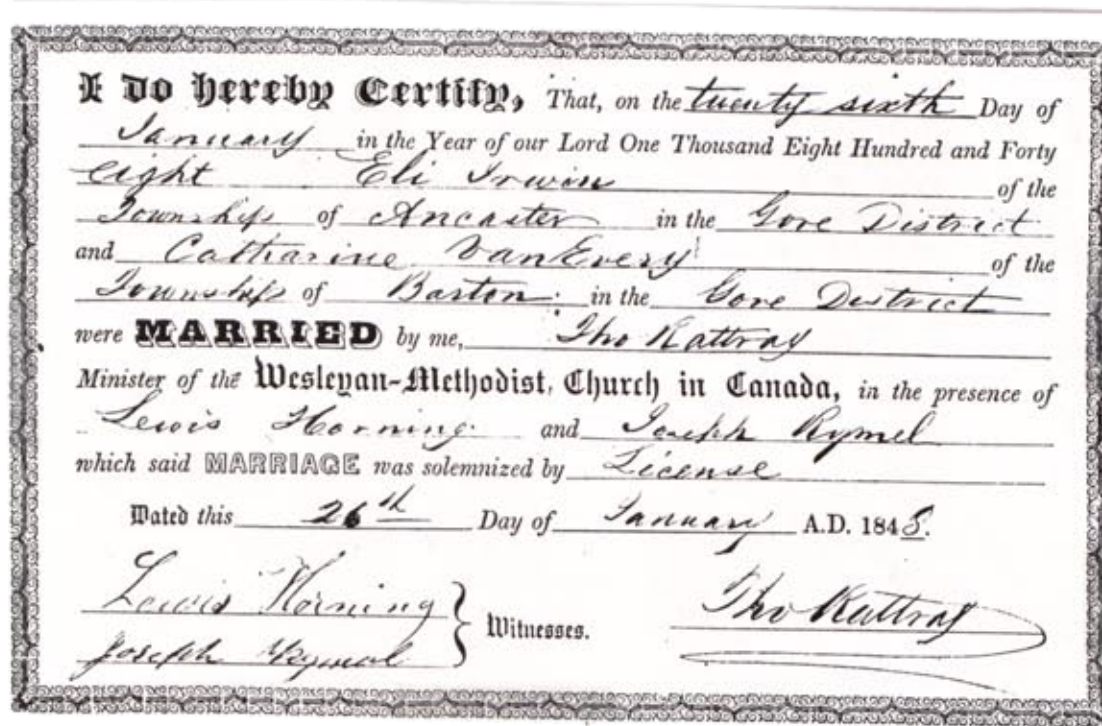
Name, *Alice M. Robson*

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Date, *Sept 7 1893*

In the nineteenth century, the church vehemently advocated temperance and abstention from the dreaded scourge - alcohol. Alice Robson signed the pledge on September 7, 1893.

Church related activity was more than solemnity and boredom for the children of the community. There were regular summer picnics with races and prizes, hay rides, recitations by the young, the choir performed for the elders and there was always plenty of good food. Often the three churches on the circuit, Oakland, Wilsonville and Bealton, joined in one large gathering for recreation and festivities. The cohesive impact on the three communities could readily be felt. An interval from the daily drudgery that such socializing evoked was welcomed by all, not the least the younger generation.



Shown above is a sample marriage certificate of the mid nineteenth century period which a pastor of the Wesleyan-Methodist used to document the bonds of marriage between Eli Erwin (1791-1889) and Catharine Horning (1805-1890), widow of William Van Every. They were residents of Bealton but had a close connection with both the Bealton and Oakland churches. One of Catharine's siblings settled south of Scotland. The Hornings were, and still are, well known and active members of Scotland United Church.

With great sympathy and warmth, the Methodist pastors honoured their beloved after death. The following obituary, by J. G. Foote, attests to their literary skill and mastery of the English language:

CATHARINE HORNING

The subject of this memoir was born in Ancaster on September 18th, 1805 and was married to William VanEvery on August 25th, 1829. Her marriage life was a very happy one. She was possessed of all the characteristics which make a home cheerful, bright and happy; but after a brief married life, she was left to mourn the loss of a devoted husband in 1839 with five sons to care for and support. She met the responsibilities of her condition with courage and by the grace of God, kept her children together and gave them all the advantages of the time as

well as the counsel, influence and example of a noble life. She was married again in 1849 to Eli Erwin. This also proved a very happy marriage. They moved to Townsend in 1852, to the farm on which they both liked. For the last twenty-five years of her life she lived with her husband in the home of John VanEvery, her son by her first husband. They had all the care that their respected ages demanded, administered by loving hands and sympathetic hearts. For over a year she was blind but she bore her affliction uncomplainingly and with great patience. In September Father Erwin passed away, and ever since she has been waiting with patience the Master's coming, and rejoiced at the signs of his coming. She had been a member of the Methodist Church for over fifty years and rejoiced in God her Savior. On February 17th, 1890, she fell asleep in Jesus, at the ripe age of eighty-five years, leaving behind her to mourn their loss, four children, twenty-two grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren.

Thus died a good wife, a devoted mother and honored saint of God. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. E.B. Stevenson of Ancaster, and her remains were laid at rest in the old Barton Church burial ground. A memorial sermon was preached at Bealton Church the following Sabbath by her pastor from 2 Cor. v, 1, to a large and appreciative audience.

Rev. J.G. Foote

The Reverend James Foote served the circuit of Oakland, Wilsonville and Bealton from 1887 to 1891, he being the last pastor to preach in the old Bealton Church before a new church opened late in 1890. The Bealton congregation joined the Oakland circuit in 1874.

Early Methodist clergymen were roundly criticized for being ill trained and uneducated. By the time the Rev. Foote reached the pulpit, their preparation to minister and guide their flock had vastly improved.

Historical records for the year 1867 show the Reverend David Culp and the Reverend B. Bristol as living at Oakland, both Episcopalians. About the same period, the Reverend E. F. Brown was the pastor for the New Connexion Church and the Reverend Samuel Dunnett held the Baptist post. The Baptists did not build an edifice in Oakland but did meet in their own chapel. In 1870, the Reverend Dunnett had moved on, the Reverend Culp was still there, having attended at least ten years, and the Reverend John Wood, a Methodist Episcopal minister, was also living in the village.

One of the first marriages in Oakland, then called Perth, occurred in 1802. The founder, Finlay Malcolm (1750-1829), had a daughter, Sarah (1784-1860), who married Charles Eddy. Because there was neither a church or minister, Squire Tyler took the ceremony, officiating in his own log house.

Jean H. Waldie, a well known Brant County historian, undertook considerable research in the area. The following is taken from an article which she wrote for the *Expositor*, about 1940, when James M. Would was the pastor at Oakland:

"Joseph Roberts, one of Oakland's old-timers, born in 1847 on the Oakland Township line, used to tell many interesting stories of events of bygone days.

One Sabbath the preacher happened to be late for the service in the schoolhouse, Mr. Roberts related. A number of the boys of the congregation had become restless and began to create a disturbance. One of the men, Stephen Vivian (Mr. Roberts' Uncle), taking the matter in hand, told the mischief makers to behave or he would put them out.

PULPIT PULLED APART

The boys, however, did not heed the warning, and Mr. Vivian took hold of young Smith Beebe to eject him from the building. But the boy clung to the pulpit (which was a rude construction of boards), with the result that the pulpit was pulled apart. As to the Minister's reaction to this situation, on his arrival, Mr. Roberts made no comment."



Circa 1870
Joseph Roberts Louisa Eddy
 Roberts

Joseph Roberts (1847-1941), son of John Roberts (1803-1888) and Fanny Vivian (1813-1905) who emigrated to the Oakland area from Cornwall in 1846, lived in an impressive stone house on the town line, just south of the village. The house stands today in a state of good repair. Joseph's parents were homesteaders. They erected a sod dwelling near Westbrook Crossing on the Oakland-Townsend line, near the East Oakland pond. Stephen Vivian (1821-1844), also mentioned in the preceding article, drowned in Oakland pond. The rowdy boy, identified as Smith Beebe, became a large land holder in the Township. He served on the official church Board and took an active role in municipal politics.

The Rev. Henry Jones ministered at Oakland around 1850. His wife, Miriam Jones, died on October 20, 1853 at 47 years, burial in the Pioneer Cemetery.

Taken from the minutes of a meeting of the Union Sabbath School, dated October 2nd 1854, are the names of the officers and teachers of that day:

James H. Smith	Superintendent
Robert Nobbs	Superintendent
George Smith	Treasurer
Haggai Westbrook	Secretary
Finlay Smith	Chaplain
W. F. Smith	Librarian
Hervy Baldwin	Committee
Isaac Kelly	Committee
T.D. Malcolm	Committee
James Baldwin	Committee
Smith Beebe	Committee

Male teachers:

Henry Scott
Finlay Smith
Isaac Kelly
Hervy Baldwin

Female teachers:

Susan Smith
Basheba Smith
Malissa Smith
Nancy Baldwin
Mary Dunnett (dau of the
Reverend Samuel Dunnett,
Baptist minister at Oakland)

An excerpt from the Church minutes dated November 1855, reveals the following position taken by the Official Board:

"moved by Moses Hervey Baldwin, seconded by Stephen Vivian, carried, that the age by which to distinguish a member from a scholar be fifteen instead of twelve years."

(The seconder of the motion, Stephen Vivian (1827-1885) millwright and carpenter, was a cousin of John Vivian, local grist mill operator. Stephen served as the choir leader at the church for many years. His granddaughter, Florence McEwan Eddy was the author of a historical novel "the way it was" which focused on the life of Oakland pioneers.)

Stephen Vivian, the millwright, should not be confused with another Stephen Vivian of Oakland who died by drowning in Oakland pond on June 17th, 1844, in his twenty-fourth year. The latter was a younger brother of John Vivian (1810-1870), proprietor of Vivian's grist mill.

On February 9th 1886, under the pastorship of Rev. James Webb, a meeting of the Trustees of the church was called. Daniel McNaughton was named chairman, Thomas Mills, secretary. Moved by G.C. Robinson and seconded by Isaac Kelly that a new church be constructed. Moved by Mordecai Westbrook, seconded by Hamilton Burtch, that the present church be repaired.

After considerable discussion, a decision to circulate a list having two columns, one for the building of a new church and the

other for repairing the old one, passed by a vote of majority. Brother Webb consented to assist in the canvas. In the meantime, H. Burtch and T. Mills were requested to make an estimate of the probable cost of repairing the old church. After eight trustee meetings in less than one month, the majority favoured building a new church and it was "moved by G.C. Robinson and seconded by Joseph Roberts that Rev. James Webb be asked to get a draft made of a new church to be constructed of red brick, with provisions for a Sunday School in a commodious airy basement". The style was to be Gothic architecture, the size 35 x 56 feet with sufficient space to accomodate 400 people. Tenders were to be advertised. Seven tenders were received. Mr. William Merrell of Brantford successfully tendered to build the church with his estimate of \$3,507.00. The following were named to the building committee: Joseph Roberts, Thomas Mills, Charles Vivian, Mahlon Edy, Edgar Vivian, Daniel McNaughton, Abraham Westbrook, Hamilton Burtch, and Rev. James Webb. Said Committee was asked to secure land opposite the old church on the north side of the Oakland Road.

The formality of laying the corner-stone, on Tuesday, July 20th 1886, is described by the Rev. James Webb in the March 2nd 1887 edition of the Christian Guardian:

"Tuesday was the day set for the performing of the ceremony, and by 2.30 p.m., the hour appointed, several hundred people had gathered to witness the interesting ceremony. The day was delightful, the sun having been hidden during the greater part of the afternoon behind the clouds that hung like great curtains, and this greatly enhanced the enjoyment of the afternoon."

The Guardian paid tribute to an elderly respected minister, the Reverend W. Willoughby, who had preached at crowded services on the Sunday previous. leading up to the ceremony on the 20th of July of that year:

"His sermons were grand expositions of the Word and he may well be termed 'The Old Man Eloquent', for while preaching he seems to have his youth renewed and preaches with the vigor of former days."

The Rev. William Willoughby, born in Coon County Kilkenny, Ireland in 1810, migrated to Canada with his parents in 1821, settling on a farm near the Rideau Canal. On July 7, 1832, he received a license as an exhorter in the Wesleyan Church. Three years later, on March 23, 1835, he got his license to preach. His early circuits were in the region of his home, at Clarendon, Perth and Bytown. The Reverend Willoughby married in 1845 to a Brant

County girl, Amelia Bonham, daughter of Jerimiah and Mary Bonham. Their marriage produced eleven children. Mr. Willoughby and his family came to Mount Pleasant in 1871. He remained in the area, serving the Methodist Church until his death at Brantford on April 13, 1890. He had been superannuated since 1881. His remains are interred in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery. A passage from his obituary reads as follows:

AFTER MANY YEARS

OF FAITHFUL WORK AND LABOR

"Father" Willoughby, rich in grace and blessing, is gathered to his fore fathers.

Sunday morning at half-past six, there passed away in this city Rev. Wm Willoughby.

Perhaps there was no better known figure in Brantford, especially in Methodist circles, than that of patriarchal "Father" Willoughby, as he was familiarly called. Seventy nine years had passed over the silvered head and spare form, but the intellect remained unimpaired. A week ago Sunday deceased was taken with a chill and day by day has been gradually sinking. The end came at last and the good old man has been garnered in - a rich sheave for the harvest.

HIS LIFE

To speak of the ministerial life of the deceased is to speak of Methodism in Ontario, for over half a century was covered by him in the work of the ministry.

In a feature article in the Guardian, written by the Rev. Webb, we are provided with other details of the corner-stone laying ceremony and dedication service/

QUOTE:

"Hon. Arthur Sturgis Hardy, then Provincial Secretary (later Premier of Ontario) performed the ceremony of laying the corner-stone, assisted by William Paterson, M.P. Inside the cavity of the stone were placed various newspapers, including The Brantford Weekly Expositor, The Brantford Weekly Courier, The Brantford Weekly Telegram, The Christian Guardian, The Weekly Globe, The Weekly Mail, The London Advertiser, The Waterford Star, The Simcoe British-Canadian, and The Toronto Daily News.

Also placed within the stone were one-cent, five-cent, ten-cent, 25-cent and 50-cent pieces, and a list of officers of the church.

The church trustees at that time included Hervy Baldwin, Thomas Mills, Mordecai Westbrook, Hamilton Burtch, William McEvery, Isaac Kelly, William Creighton, Mahlon Edy, Charles Vivian, Joseph Roberts, Abraham Westbrook, Edward Malcolm, Elisha Roberts, Duncan McNaughton, Edgar Vivian, Geo. C. Robinson, Thomas McEwen, Archibald Gillett and John Young.

The minister was Rev. James Webb; Sunday School Superintendent, Isaac Kelly; Assistant, Thomas Mills and Secretary, Elisha Roberts.

FESTIVE OCCASION

After the ceremony of laying the stone and the addresses by Mr. Hardy and Mr. Paterson, adjournment was made to the church grounds across the street, "where raspberries in every tempting form were served by the ladies". The Wilsonville brass band was in attendance and provided music in the afternoon and evening.

DEDICATION SERVICE

The dedication service for the new church took place on February 6th, 1887. Although the weather was somewhat inclement in the morning, about 450 people assembled at the service. The Rev. J.S. Williamson preached the first sermon, and after preaching he took charge of finances. (Rev. Williamson was chairman of Norwich District). We required about \$1000.00 for present emergencies, but we thought it best to ask people for \$1,500 so as to place ourselves in a good position financially. In a short time the sum of \$1,200 was pledged in good subscriptions. At seven p.m. the Rev. Wray Smith of Teeterville, preached, after which Rev. Williamson again took charge of finances, and in a short time the amount of \$575 more was subscribed, when the people were told they might cease handing in their subscriptions, thus making a total of \$1,772 in good pledges. The church was then solemnly dedicated to the Worship of the Almighty God, by the district chairman Rev. Williamson, assisted by Rev. Wray Smith and the pastor Rev. James Webb.

On Monday evening following, the dedication festival took place. In our beautiful and spacious basement the ladies provided the grandest supper we have ever been permitted to enjoy in connection with our church. The receipts for tickets netted the handsome sum of \$195; thus with our cash collection on Sabbath of over \$40 and subscriptions of \$1,775 making a total of over \$2,010 for the dedicatory service, far exceeding our most sanguine expectations.

Our church is red brick trimmed with white, with an excellent basement very neatly finished. The windows of the audience room have figured enamelled centres with varigated edges.

The pewing of the audience room is semi-circular, the pews have iron ends and draw seats, capable of seating comfortably 350 people. There is a gallery across the front of the church over the entrance, with circular front nicely fitted with pews; it is lighted with six handsome chandeliers provided by the Ladies Aid Society, also two hanging lamps, one on each side of the pulpit. The Ladies Aid have also furnished a pulpit and chairs and a table, and chairs for the choir and upholstered the pews all through; they have also furnished and carpeted the aisles; pulpit platform and orchestra.

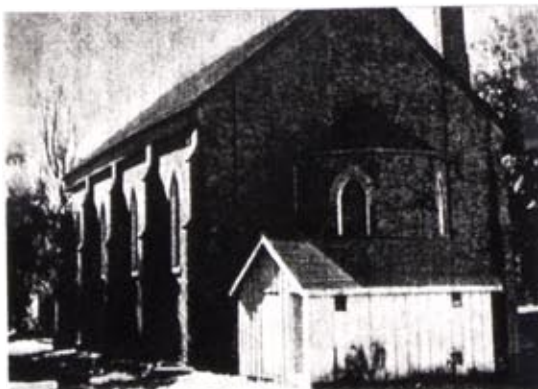
At a meeting on February 14th 1887 it was moved by Isaac Kelly and seconded by Archibald Gillett that the trustees accept the new church from the building committee with all liabilities and assets in connection therewith. The new church was insured for fire in the Brant Mutual. A number of bees followed when the grounds were levelled and a fence erected.

UNQUOTE

Note the white picket fence in front of the church, built to keep out wandering cattle. A platform allowed carriages to drive along side where ungainly passengers could easily step out of their carriages, down to the front walkway, then into the church. A barn at the rear provided accommodation to tether the horses during service.



Circa 1890



The back of the church with the wood-shed in the foreground.

For a time, Oakland was part of a five point charge along with Wilsonville, Bealton, Villa Nova and Brant.

In 1876, the Oakland circuit had four appointments: Oakland, Wilsonville, Bealton and Brant. The 1876 financial report shows givings to the contingent fund of \$4.13, the education fund \$4.01, the superannuation fund \$5.50 and missionary \$138.99.

Shortly after the new church opened its doors, a Ladies Aid Society emerged to become a significant financial support group under the leadership of Mrs. Schein, the first president. Mrs. Tom Waugh was their Charter Treasurer, to be succeeded by her daughter, Lilith Button. The group organized the annual Victoria Day Garden Party as a fund raiser, attracting over a thousand people at each event. It was held yearly on the church grounds. Should inclement weather prevail, the festivities and picnic style feast were moved inside to the church barn. The Garden Party survived as an annual event, starting in 1886 and continuing until 1954.

For the younger readers, it should be mentioned that a church barn served a utilitarian purpose. Those of the congregation not living in the village required transportation to and from services. The horse and buggy or team and democrat, depending on the number to be carried, brought them to church. The barn, with its wide sliding doors, provided the animals with shelter from the elements. It was also a place of relative security for unruly horses by securely tying them to hitching rings. With some innovation, the barn served as a sports centre, with badminton becoming a popular pastime for the youth of the community. The barn had fulfilled its main purpose by the mid twentieth century. In the beginning, it had only a dirt floor. Later, a cement floor was laid and electricity installed.



Tearing down the Church Barn - Circa 1955

One of the last major events held in the church barn, on July 26th 1950, linked to Township centennial activities, saw the barn gaily decorated for an evening of entertainment, featured a full-fledged garden party with variety entertainment. A capacity crowd attended.

Installed in 1909, an acetylene plant improved lighting. When electricity became available in 1928, the church was first on the list for wiring.

The organizational structure of the Methodist Church for the fiscal year 1918/1919 is found in its annual report, parts of which are quoted:

MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL BOARD

Pastor: Rev. James Rodgers

Recording Steward: Mr. J.MerrittCrumback

Local Preachers: James Kettle, Alex Skinner

Class leaders: Jos. Roberts, Thos. Barnes

District Visitors: Edwin L. Smith, Herman McEwan, Perley Stratford

Stewards: J.MerrittCrumback, J.Wesley Kelly, Robert Schunk

Society Representatives: Geo. Campbell, Roy McEwan

Women's Missionary Presidents: Mrs. J. Rodgers

Ladies' Aid President: Mrs. Thomas McEwan

Sunday School Superintendent: Thos. McEwan

Trustee Board Representatives:

Oakland: E.Maitland Edy
Wilsonville: D.R. Nelles
Bealton: Alexander Brooks

President of Bible Classes: Albert Smith, Miss Alfreda Grantham

Full disclosure of your givings, a hard reality in 1919, disclosed your generosity, or frugality, in full print for all to see. Yearly, the church sent out its report to all its members and the pages were quickly leafed over to the financial overview - the personal contributions told all!

Personal Contributions to Funds of Oakland Methodist Circuit
from May 1st, 1918, to May 1st, 1919

OAKLAND					
	Genl. Funds	Missions		Gen. Funds	Missions
A Friend	\$ 2 00		McIntyre Reginald	2 75	2 00
A Friend	75		McIntyre Gertrude	2 70	
Anders, North	6 00		McAllister Miss A.		25
Allin, Dorothy	50		Murray Russ.	3 57	
Bannister Mrs. A.	8 80		Mellor Geo	50	
Bannister Miss L.	1 00		Muirhead G		1 00
Bannister Claud & H	2 60		Missionary Collection		3 75
Bannister Stanley	8 60	1 00	Newman Bert	1 35	
Barnes Wm	12 50	1 00	No names	10 09	
Barnes Frank & H.	90		Plested Chas	2 00	
Baldwin L H	11 25	1 00	Plested M & R	05	
Baldwin Carman	5 75	1 00	Pool Jas.	10 50	
Button P M	19 50	2 00	Proper R	10 00	
Buttut Levern & R	2 50		Rolerts Jos	16 20	5 00
Biggar Geo	10 50	3 00	Rogers Mrs. (Rev. R.)	33 55	20 00
Biggar Aletha	2 60	60	Rock Albert	2 70	
Burtch Mrs. H	9 00	2 00	Rock Ada & N.	1 30	
Book Mrs. D	6 00	1 50	Swears Mrs. R.	50	
Burton Mrs	1 10		Sowais A	6 00	
Burton Geo	10		Secord David	10 05	50
Campbell Geo	21 00	16 00	Secord E R	19 00	
Campbell Arthur	6 50	1 00	Secord Earl	9 25	
Cunningham Chas	5 00		Secord Chas. Jr.	7 00	50
Crumback J M	21 00	11 00	Schunk A.	5 00	2 00
Crumback Leslie & W	2 15		Schunk Jas.	10 00	
Crumback Geo	22 00	3 00	Schunk Robert	15 60	
Crumback Allan	50	50	Schunk Lloyd & E.	2 60	
Creighton Wm	13 00		Sunday School		10 00
Cramer Wm	7 00		Stratford S	14 00	2 00
Cramer Sadie	2 50		Stratford Florence	1 75	
Dunnett H	9 00	10 00	Stratford Ruby	1 50	
Dunnett E.	7 80		Stratford Perley	29 00	6 00
Dunnett Iva & B.	2 45		Stratford Percy	4 30	
Dunnett Mrs. Eliza	2 25		Smith E R	20 35	5 00
Dunningham Mrs. N.	4 31		Smith Harold	1 00	
Duckworth Jos.	5 00		Smith Albert	4 00	
Edy E M.	20 50	7 00	Smith L H	8 50	1 55
Edy Howard & W	2 60		Swartout Ross	10 00	5 00
Edy Laval	9 50		The Gleaners		10 00
Flanders Frank	7 50	1 25	Vivian Mrs. Chas.	13 00	
Ford Mrs. Geo.	2 00	50	Vivian Payson	20 00	5 00
Found in the Church		2 00	Vivian Lloyd	2 25	
Gignac Miss Ida	1 00		Vivian Fred & Wife	1 00	
Green Levi & Eva	5 00		Vivian Florence	3 00	
Grantham Walter	15 00		Wynier Mrs. S P.	3 50	50
Grantham M.	14 20		Wesbrook Harry	25 25	3 00
Grantham Hiram	5 68		Wesbrook Wallace	17 40	1 00
Grantham Walker & E.	3 25	25	Wesbrook Mordecai & H.	3 00	
Juvenile Cards		13 50	Wesbrook Henry	18 25	3 00
Knox Frank	4 50	50	Wesbrook Ella	6 77	
Knox Geo	5 00		Wesbrook Albert	25 50	21 00
Kelly Wesley	22 00	10 00	Wesbrook Florence & G.	6 20	1 00
Kelly Myrtle & I	2 60		Wesbrook Ethel & H.	2 70	1 00
Lefler Alphaus	5 00		Whiting Edwin	13 00	
Lefler Albert	10 00		Whiting Delmar	5 35	
McEwan Thos	19 40	11 00	Young Mrs. John	2 05	
McEwan Roy	14 25	3 00	Young Mrs. H.	3 10	
McEwan Fred	11 00	5 00	Yerex Mrs.	6 00	
McEwan Herman	11 90	5 00	Zimmerman Dora	1 00	
McIntyre Chas	32 00	16 00			

Summary of Receipts for Circuit 1918-1919

	Oakland	Wilsonville	Bealton	Total
Envelopes and General Collections..	\$921 67	\$876 72	\$521 67	\$2320 06
Sunday Schools...	205 00	240 18	155 39	600 57
Rally Day Off'gs...		15 82	11 61	27 43
Miss. Subscriptions	247 10	243 18	142 71	632 99
War Memo'l Fund..		116 00		116 00
W. M. S.	92 74	39 80		132 54
Mission Bands.....	55 54	17 18	12 40	85 12
Ladies' Aid	560 00			560 00
Connentional Funds	86 00	86 00	61 00	233 00
Dominion Alliance	21 60	32 50	7 50	61 60
Lord's Day Alliance	10 45	24 50	11 57	46 52
Total...	\$2200 10	\$1575 88	\$923 85	\$4815 83

Summary of Disbursements for 1918-1919

Minister's Salary	\$1200 00
Sunday Schools.....	600 57
Missionary	632 99
War Memorial Fund.....	116 00
W. M. S.	132 54
Mission Bands	85 12
Ladies' Aid	560 00
Trustee Boards	927 06
Educational Fund	98 00
General S.S. Fund.....	27 43
Social Service	33 00
Calgary Church	20 00
Halifax Ch. Relief	62 00
Other Con'l Funds	213 00
Lord's Day Alliance	46 52
Dominion Alliance....	61 30
	<u>\$4815 83</u>

R. H. ROGERS, Pastor
J. M. CRUMBACK, Recording Steward



24 March 1920

Standing in front of the church is the Reverend and Mrs. Rodgers, on the right. On their right Russell and Florence (Stratford) Rammage who had just been married in a ceremony at the church.

Under the Summary of Disbursements, an amount of \$62.00 for Halifax Ch. Relief shows. This was the local contribution to the people of Halifax following the disastrous explosion of December 6, 1917. A French munitions carrier, the "Mont Blanc", blew a mile high in the worlds greatest man-made explosion before Hiroshima. Sixteen hundred died, nine thousand were injured, and sixteen hundred buildings were destroyed in the north end of Halifax. Relief assistance flowed in from across Canada, included were the people of Oakland Township.

Disturbing the peace in the quiet pastoral environs of Oakland village could not be tolerated by the Church elders, especially when the rowdy crowds interrupted their weeknight services. Before the turn of the century, the law very explicitly protected the solemnity of church activity. Local officials were quick to apply its weight to correct what had become, at worst, an outrage, at least, an annoyance.

The following framed notice, dated December 14th, 1896, was conspicuously posted at the top of the stairs of the church.

NOTICE

In order that the disturbances and annoyances may be prevented to which the Congregation of the Oakland Methodist Church have been subjected on the Sabbath but especially at the weeknight services. The following resolutions were passed at a meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Monday evening Dec. 14 1896 and will be strictly enforced.

1 All unnecessary loitering in the lobby of the church outside the door, in the basement, about the church, in the yard or sheds is strictly prohibited.

Criminal Code 1892 Sec. 173

Every one is guilty of an offence and is liable, on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars and costs, and in default of payment to one month imprisonment who wilfully disturbs, interrupts, or disquiets any assemblage of persons met for religious worship or for any moral, social or Benevolent purpose, by profane discourse, by rude or indecent behavior or by making a noise either within the place or such meeting or near to it as to disturb the order or solemnity of the meeting. Any violation of the above will be dealt with according to law

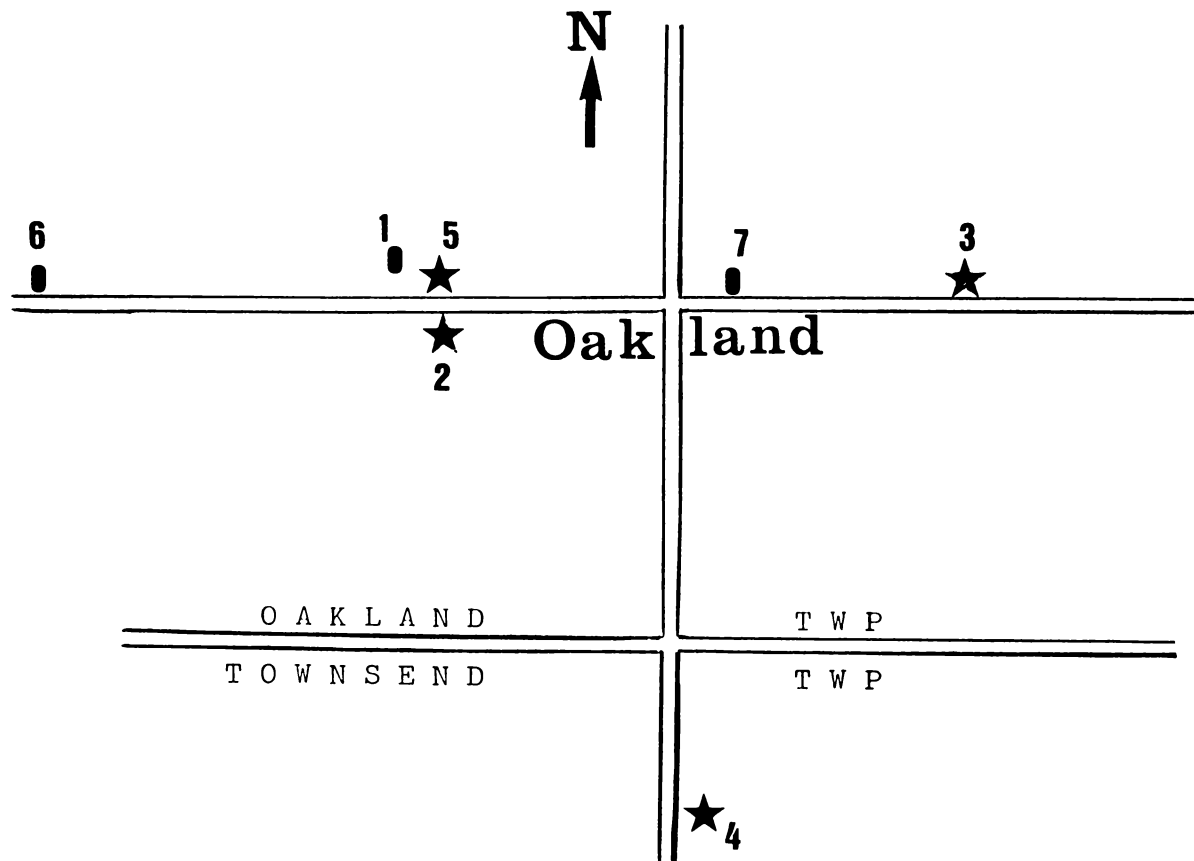
3 Proper legal measures will be taken by the Board of Trustees to restrain any disorderly conduct such as hooting or yelling going to or from the church.

4 That the Board of Trustees expect the officers and members of the Epworth League to aid in putting in force these resolutions by giving any information possible as to who the parties are who may be guilty of any of the aforesaid misdemeanors at the weeknight Services

5 That Mr. Cook and the Board of Trustees for a Committee to see that the above rules are enforced.

Specific Church locations in Oakland Village:

1. The location of the first school in Oakland which was used also as a place of worship
2. The Episcopal Methodist church built in 1849 - later the site of the parsonage
3. The Methodist New Connexion church built in 1859
4. The Wesleyan Methodist church built in 1854 located on Lot 1 Concession 11 Townsend Township, south of Oakland village
5. The Methodist church built in 1886, later the United Church of Canada
6. A farm house on Lot 1V, Concession 11, as renovated, which was the former Episcopalian church
7. The Oakland Memorial Hall, formerly the C O F Hall, which burned in 1984. This building was the former Methodist New Connexion church located on the site of the present cemetery grounds, east of the four corners.



The United Church of Canada
Oakland Pastoral Charge





Circa 1900 - Oakland Methodist parsonage built in 1898 as shown on the glass window at the front door.

The old parsonage burned to the ground in 1897 during the tenure of the Rev. Thomas Amy. He and his family found temporary accommodation in a village house immediately south of the church, which later became Alfred Martin's property. The old parsonage stood at the corner of Queen and Oakland streets in the village before being destroyed by fire. Albert Weaver built a house on the site after the destruction of the manse.

Rev. T.R. Clark was the first to occupy the new parsonage.



1894 - Sunday School picnic - held at the old manse grounds four years before the manse was destroyed by fire.

Seated on the fence is George Crumback (1878-1968). Others present included Mrs. Chas Cox, Morley Watson (minister's son), Will Booth, Kate Baldwin, Annie McAlister, Mrs. Mahlon Edy, Ella Westbrook, Bertha Couke, Edith McAlister, Albert McEwan, Maggie McEwan, Fannie Westbrook, Edith Burtch, Nellie Crumback, Bertha Vivian, Allan Cox, Mabel Cox, Fannie Roberts, Lilith Waugh, Albert Westbrook, Susie Mills, Merritt Crumback, Minnie McEwan, Mary Burwell, Louise Key and Sarah Kelly.

June 10, 1925 saw the merger of the Presbyterian Church, in Canada, the Congregational Churches of Canada and the Methodist Church (Canada, Newfoundland and Bermuda) to form the United Church of Canada. A few Congregational churches and about one-third of the Presbyterians voted to stay out of the union. In 1968, the United Church was further expanded by the merger of the (eastern) Canada Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church - the Western Canada Conference stayed out. This made the United Canada's largest Protestant church with its Basis of Union declaration stating "not merely a united, but a uniting Church". The United Church Women emerged in 1962 through the combined groups of the Women's Missionary Society and the Women's Association which had focused its efforts on fund raising. The church has become well known, and sometimes embroiled in controversy, because of its outspokenness on current moral and social issues of the day.

Minutes of the W.M.S. - 1942

The Oakland Women's Missionary Society and Women's Association met at the home of Mrs. George Knox, who presided. After the opening hymn, Mrs. J.S. Macaulay read the Scripture lesson and led in prayer, and Mrs. C. Vail gave the comments on the Lenten season. Secretary's report was given by Mrs. Kenneth Barnes and advance plans were discussed on the annual garden party. Mrs. (Dr.) L.J. Stuart, Scotland, was the guest speaker who gave an interesting paper on the "Better Part", pointing out the virtues of the womanly woman. Mrs. J. Gatward gave several poems of her own composition, one in particular was appropriately dedicated to one of the oldest and most active members, Mrs. C. Secord.

During the second World War 1939/45 the Institute was active in providing support services. The minutes of one of their meetings in 1944 confirms their efforts;

The January meeting took the form of a "family night" with good attendance. The President, Mrs. Walter Burrage, conducted a short business meeting. "Thank-you" letters were read from local boys overseas, expressing appreciation for Christmas boxes received. Several donations of money were handed to the Secretary, Mrs. J. Gribben, to be used for Red Cross work, including \$15 from Reeve Phillip Durham. Two members paid birthday money. The members voted a donation of \$5 to the Navy League.

Mr. Walter Burrage led a short "sing-song" and then the meeting was turned over to the Program Committee. Messrs. Jack Learmouth and James Allen called off for a successful "bingo". Delicious refreshments were served by the Refreshment Committee: Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bannister, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle McEwan, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gatward. Mrs. Alice Dunningham thanked the hostess.

In 1963, the Institute celebrated fifty years of service. At a luncheon in the Church hall to honour the occasion were 125 people representing sixteen institutes in South Brant District.

Present were five charter members, Mrs. William Barnes, Mrs. Charles McIntyre, Mrs. Herman McEwan, Mrs. Maitland Edy and Mrs. Carman Baldwin. Originally there were twenty-seven charter members, of whom 11 were still living.

The president of Oakland Women's Institute, Mrs. Lawrence Harrison served as mistress of ceremonies and head table guests were introduced by Mrs. Frank Tottle, R1 Scotland, second vice-president of South Brant District.

Greetings from Convention Area and District were brought by Mrs. George Barker of R1 Princeton and the charter members present were introduced by Mrs. Delmar Whiting. Mrs. Russell Ramage of R1 Scotland, introduced the past presidents and secretaries of Oakland WI. Telegrams and congratulatory messages from invited guests unable to attend were read by Mrs. James Gribben. Mrs. Graydon Cox led a singson with Mrs. George Chandler at the piano. About sixty pupils from Oakland School sang several choruses under the direction of Mrs. Douglas Cunningham, and Mrs. Donald Stratford sang a solo.

A brief history of Oakland Women's Institute and its accomplishments during the past fifty years was given by Mrs. George Chandler who said that the branch was *organized on February 25, 1913, at the home of a Mrs. Joseph Montgomery*. Members organized a Home and School Committee with Oakland and East Oakland schools and these committees visited the school to "co-operate with the teacher in creating and maintaining an interest and sympathy between home and school". The Institute sponsored a travelling library with Mrs. Charles Vivian as librarian.

In 1945 the Institute sponsored a 4H Club, later they sponsored a foster child in Hong Kong.

The guest speaker, Mrs. Harry G. Nixon of St. George gave an illustrated talk on her visit to Australia last fall to attend the ACWW Convention.

Greeting the guests were Mrs. Lawrence Harrison, Mrs. Frank Tottle, Mrs. Graydon Cox, Mrs. Russell Ramage and Mrs. Stuart Macaulay. Mrs. Chas McIntyre a charter member, cut the anniversary cake.

In charge of decorations were Mrs. Bruce Bonham, Mrs. Eugene Bartlett, Mrs. Norman Gatward. The lunch committee included Mrs. North Anders, Mrs. Louis Burtch, Mrs. Frank Tottle, Mrs. Stanley Buckborough, Mrs. Percy Abbott and Mrs. Eric Smith.

On display was the Oakland Tweedsmuir History Book which, with its stories of Oakland many years ago and pictures of some of the pioneer families there, proved very interesting to the many guests.



UCW Executive 1978/79

**Mrs. Roy
Wintermute
- Secretary**

**Mrs. Karl
McEwan
- Treasurer**

**Mrs. Edwin
Smith
- V/President**

**Mrs. Beverly
Bowen
- President**



Nov. 1990 - Service Pins awarded and presented by President Sharon Anderson

**Eletha Sutherland
Edith Bonham
Jean Tottle
Evelyn Chandler
B. Learmonth
(missing Roberta Burtch)**

**Verna Anders (40yr pin)
Dell Abbott (40yr pin)
Edna Townsend (40yr pin)
Alfreda Allan (60yr pin)**



1936

An Oakland and district Tuxis group.

This United Church boys group was led by Orval Westbrook. In the back row, left to right, is Bruce Stratford, Bob Macaulay, ?, Clifford Churchill, Les Macaulay, Charlie Rammage and Jim Speechley. In the front row, left to right, is ?, Stu Rammage, Art McEwan, Lorne Stratford and Gale Macaulay. The picture was taken at the Church with the church barn in the background.

As part of the periodic program of updating the Sanctuary and other rooms, it was decided, in 1947, to replace the pump organ with electric followed by a more modern one in 1983. Other major renovations to the Sunday School rooms and to the Sanctuary were authorized in 1961, at a cost of \$20,825.00. Appointed to the planning committee were Harold Smith, Floyd Andrews, Orval Woodard, Mrs. J.S. Macaulay and Mrs. Edwin Smith. The finance committee consisted of James Campbell, Walter Burrage, Edwin Smith and George Chandler.

Centennial year, 1986, saw a series of special activities organized. The Reverend H.J. Herlihey returned to join the Reverend Murray Campbell in a re-dedication service, acknowledging and remembering its first service one hundred years earlier.

Oakland United Church

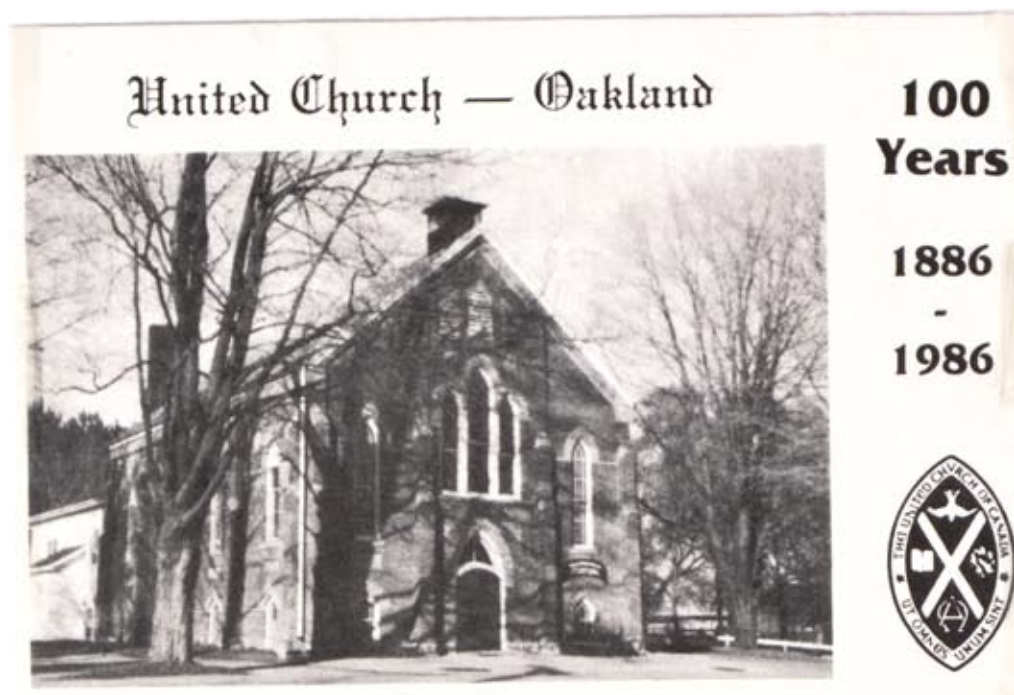
CELEBRATES 100 YEARS IN 1986.

This is your invitation to attend any or all of the events planned

- JANUARY 5 — 9:30 a.m. — Communion, Fellowship and Coffee.
FEBRUARY 9 — 10:30 a.m. — **"RE-DEDICATION"**. We commemorate the actual date of the first service. Guest minister will be Rev. H. J. Herlihey.
 MARCH 30 — 9:30 a.m. — Easter Service.
 MAY 11 — 9:30 a.m. — Family Day. A tree planting ceremony.
JUNE 8 — 10:30 a.m. — **ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**. Guest speaker will be Mrs. Mary Anne Connell, President of Hamilton Conference. Luncheon will follow.
JULY 26 — 5:00 p.m. (Sat.) — **COLD BUFFET AND RASPBERRY SOCIAL** at the Community Centre.
 SEPTEMBER 14 — 9:30 a.m. — Rally Day. Guest speaker: Rev. J. C. Donaldson
 NOVEMBER 1 — 11:30 a.m. — U.C.W. Luncheon and Bazaar.
 NOVEMBER 2 — 7:30 p.m. — Erie Presbytery Youth Rally.
 NOVEMBER 9 — 9:30 a.m. — Remembrance Day Service.
 DECEMBER 14 — Christmas Concert.



Rev. Herlihey



CHURCH COUNCIL 1986

Chairman	Mrs. Dorothy Bowen
Ministry of Administration	Mr. Alvin Marr
Treasurer	Mrs. Margery Gatward
Envelope Secretary	Mr. Jack Learmonth
Assistant Envelope Secretary	Mr. George Hemstock
Ministry of Christian Education	Mr. Edwin Smith
Sunday School Superintendent	Mr. Cameron Lefler
Ministry of Congregational Life	Mrs. Evelyn Chandler
Ministry of Outreach	Mrs. Eletha Sutherland
Ministry of Word & Worship	Miss Jean McEwan
Choir Leader	Mrs. Jean Whiting
Organist	Mrs. Shelley Lefler
Ushers	Mr. Karl McEwan
	Mr. John Whiting

As mentioned earlier, the Ladies Aid emerged about 1886. Through their innovative fund raising efforts, many amenities and comforts for the church and parsonage were made possible. Such projects as carpeting and upholstering or furnishing chairs, tables and other incidentals became their assumed responsibility. The May 24th Garden Party was a major funding event. The Women's Association or WA succeeded the Ladies Aid organization while the Womens' Missionary Society was closely allied with it. In 1960, the United Church Women or UCW took over as the main female support group.

OAKLAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE ADOPTS A FOSTER CHILD

At the November meeting of the Oakland Women's Institute in 1961, it was moved by Mrs. Percy Abbott, seconded by Mrs. A. Dunningham that the Institute adopt a Foster Child at a cost of \$60.00 a year through Save The Children Fund. Their report reads as follows:

"In November 1961, we received a proposal for sponsorship of Tsang Tin Mei. Tsang is the last name and Tin Mei his first name. He lives in Hong Kong. Tin Mei was born on the 3rd of May, 1952. His family was accommodated in a squatters hut, his father a labourer on a farm, earning about \$80 a month (\$14 Canadian money). The two elder sons aged 15 and 17 years are working as apprentices without much pay except for free board and lodging in a handicraft shop. The father still has to support a wife and four other younger children ranging from 4 to 13 years of age. Such a meagre income is obviously inadequate for such a large family and so needed someone to subsidize him financially.



Tsang Tin Mei attended a school for fishermen's and workers children, at St. Simon's Hostel, Castle Peak New Territories, Hong Kong.

In January 1971, the WI received information that Tsang Tin Mei is no longer in need of sponsorship, and that with our assistance over the years, has helped him complete his training and he is now self supporting.

Tin Mei went to work as an apprentice in a metal factory after his graduation from Holy Carpenter Vocational Training Centre. His present salary is H.K. 120/m.

He attended a government sponsored evening school for awhile, however the manager of the factory where he worked recently stopped him from going to school as it would affect his work at the factory."



Gleaners Class - Circa 1920

left to right:

Grace Cox, Gertie Davis, Mary Robertson, Evelyn Downs, Evelyn Smith, Hazel Bonham, Mary Downs, Edith Downs, Helen Kitchen, _____, Mrs. Alice Dunningham and Mrs. Merritt Crumback, teachers.

In 1950, the Explorers became active. At their first anniversary Mrs. Alice Dunningham and Mrs. Jack Learmouth served a delicious dinner at the church for the girls, numbering 30. During the evening, Chief Explorer Jean Abbott called on Mrs. Harry Orchard to lead a sing-song, the toast to the Church was given by Laurel Sutherland which was responded to by Rev. H.J. Herlihey, Sandra Knott gave a recitation, Shirley Bowen gave a toast to "Our Mothers", which was replied to by Mrs. R. Carpenter, a solo was sung by Isabelle Orchard and a toast to the Explorers was given by Mrs. P. Abbott and replied to by Chief Counsellor, Mrs. R. Sutherland.

CANADIAN GIRLS IN TRAINING

The teenage girls were meeting at irregular intervals in 1927. Class officers were: President - Edna Stratford, Vice President - Norma Townsend, Secretary - Ruth Weaver, Treasurer - Leta Barnes, Flower Committee - Evelyn Dunningham, Evelyn Cannell, Visiting Committee - Ferne Howie, Gertie Davis, Social Committee - Velma Stratford, Lillian Grantham. The leaders were Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Crumback.

In 1929, the class decided to form a group under the leadership of Mrs. Westbrook and Roma Wilson. Officers were: President - Leta Barnes, Vice President - Edna Stratford, Sec. Treasurer - Evelyn Dunningham, Pianists Bernice Stratford, Gertie Davis. Programs Ada Curd, Ferne Howie, Social - Velma Burrage.

In 1934, the girls met at the home of their leader Gertrude McIntyre when Ina Barnes was elected President.

In 1935 - Dorothy Bonham was named President.

In 1937, under the leadership of Mrs. O. Westbrook and Mrs. A. Smith, the group was re-organized as follows: President - Betty Alton, Vice President - Dorothy Smith, Secretary - Shirley Burrage, Treasurer - Margery Smith.

In 1938 - officers were President - Mae Smith, Secretary - Shirley Burrage, Treasurer - Velma Persall.

Mrs. Frank Tottle became leader in 1941 with Mary Whiting as President, Vice-President - Mabel Stratford, Secretary - Mae Smith, Treasurer - Joyce Burrage.

C.G.I.T. was discontinued until 1950 when Mrs. Harry Herlihey and Mrs. Harry Orchard became leaders. Officers were President - Ruby Thomas, Vice-President - Marilyn Rammage, Secretary - Isabelle Orchard, Treasurer - Nora Allison. Weekly meetings were held from September until May. Mrs. Orchard also served on the Brant County Girls Camp Committee for Canadian Girls In Training at Camp Wawbeek at Paris (now Five Oaks Centre).

In 1954, Mrs. Edwin Smith succeeded Mrs. Orchard as Leader.

In 1959, Mrs. Jim Campbell, Miss Jean McEwan and Mrs. Donald Abbott, were leaders.

In 1961, Miss Jean McEwan and Mrs. R. Sutherland, later Miss McEwan and Mrs. D. Abbott.

In 1966, Mrs. Donald Abbott and Mrs. Corwin Barnes provided the leadership.

The Climbers Sunday School Class of 1934, a gathering of young men in the community, was well attended and very active under the leadership of C. Roy McEwan and Walter Burrage.

Class members:

Lyle McEwan	Maurice Anderton
Ross Murray	Paul Shuttleworth
Cyril Jones	Harold Tipp
Orval Woodard	Ken Barnes
Clayton Barnes	Frank Birkett
Stan Cathie	Homer Westbrook
George Chandler	George Hemstock
Bill Baldwin	Bill Davis
Lewis Burtch	Bill Leversuch
Roy Woodard	Norman Scollard
Bob Denton	Leslie Bennett
Will Stewart	Terry Flanagan

Climbers Sunday School Class - 1934

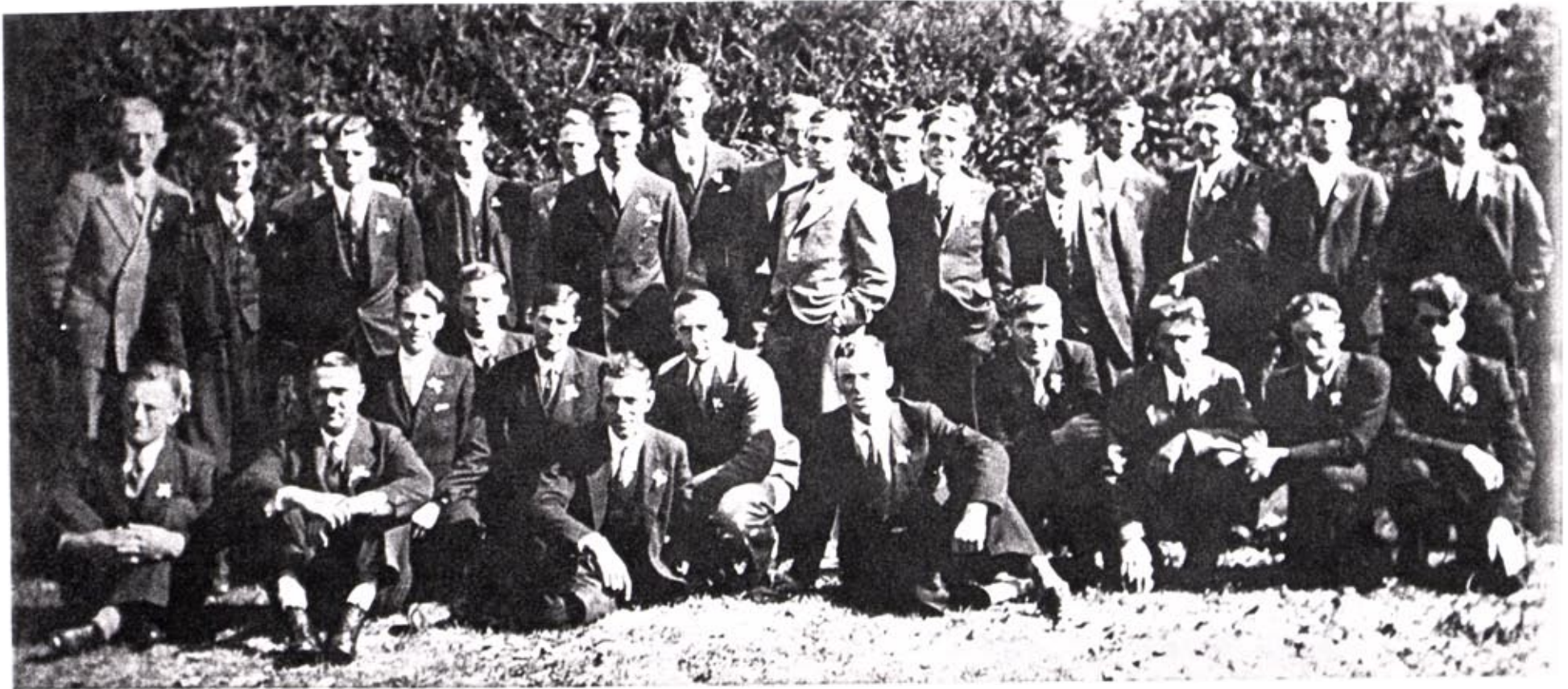
Standing - left to right:

Lyle McEwan, _____, Ross Murray, Cyril Jones, Orval Woodard, Clayton Barnes, Stan Cathie, George Chandler, Bill Baldwin, Lewis Burtch, Roy Woodard, Maurice Anderton, _____, _____, Paul Shuttleworth, Harold Tipp, Kenneth Barnes, Frank Birkett.

Seated - left to right:

Homer Wesbrook, Rev. Hugh Wilson, George Hemstock, Bill Davis, Bill Leversuch, Mr. Walter Burrage (teacher), Norman Scollard, Mr. C. Roy McEwan (teacher), Bob Denton, Leslie Bennett, Terry Flanagan, Will Stewart.

Over half of these young men came from England, sent out from the National Children's Home and Orphanage to work on farms in the area.



The Evening Auxiliary of the Oakland Women's Missionary Society:

At a meeting of the Afternoon Auxiliary of the W.M.S. on November 1, 1950, a letter was read from Mrs. Shantz (Mission Circle Secretary of the Presbytery) wondering if it might be possible to form a Mission Circle at Oakland.

Mrs. Christie Orchard and the late Mrs. Margaret Stratford were named to a committee to investigate. After discussion with other interested people, it was decided that an Evening Auxiliary be formed.

On November 29th, 1950 a gathering of young women met at the home of Mrs. Orchard, and with the assistance of Mrs. Eletha Sutherland and Mrs. Harry Herlihey, the Auxiliary was born.

OFFICERS - 1951

President - Mrs. Ferne Smith, Vice-President - Margery Gatward, Secretary - Betty Bannister, Treasurer - Mrs. Winnie Shellard, Christian Stewardship - Mrs. Winona Macaulay, Community Friendship Virginia Macaulay, Temperance and Citizenship - Mrs. Helen Porteous, Literary Secretary - Mrs. Ethel Lamky, Corresponding Secretary - Mrs. Eva Stratford, Supply Secretary - Mrs. Lillian Bannister, Press - Jean Ripley.



Mrs. Ferne Smith
Charter President

Highlights of meetings were:

Mission study
Affiliation of Explorer group
Birthday parties in January, with birthday cake sent from mothers.
Visits exchanged with Scotland Tuesday night club and trips.

Money making events:

Annual Blossom Tea (spring)
Birthday calendars
Quilting Bees
Strawberry Socials
Catering - Eastern Star Banquets
Catering Lions Club Suppers
White Elephant sale with Ev. Knott Auctioneer
Personal monthly contributions

Future presidents of the group were:

1952 - Margery Gatward	1956 - Dorothy Elliott
1953 - Winona Macaulay	1957 - Ellen Arthur
1954 - Edna Smith	1958 - Virginia Macaulay
1955 - Betty Bannister	1959 - Clara Stratford
	1960 - Ruth Latty

The auxiliary was an active group and found many worthwhile projects to spend their money on. Their first objective was their allocation of money to the missionary work of the Presbytery.

Other projects they undertook were providing new curtains for the Sunday School room. They provided music for the Junior Choir and purchased a typewriter for the parsonage study, re-decorations at the parsonage, Christmas cheer boxes and gifts to needy members of the Community. In 1953, they gave a donation of 200.00 for a Church Building Fund, bales of clothing were sent overseas. They sent local girls to the C.G.I.T. Camp Council and installed water in the church.

MINISTERS

The following, among others, accepted a call to one of the three Methodist denominations prior to the merger in 1884;

Rev. Henry Jones in 1853 - his wife is buried in the Pioneer Cemetery

Rev. W.H. Withrow of the Methodist New Connexion Church at Oakland in 1862 - he wrote the obituary and assisted at the funeral, along with Rev. J.E. Vining who preached the sermon, for the funeral of Sarah T. Malcolm Vivian (1821-1862) wife of John Vivian, miller at Oakland. Sarah died on February 13th, 1862.

Rev. T. Goldsmith, in 1854, at the Wesleyan Church which was then in the Waterford Circuit.

Rev. Matthew Whiting in 1853 - on the Mt. Pleasant Circuit (Wesleyan).

Rev. E.B. Stevenson - he performed the marriage of Chas Orrin Lawrence (22) and Fannie M. Kelly on January 3rd, 1883 at Oakland.

Rev. Wm McClure of the Methodist New Connexion Church at Oakland in 1869 - he wrote the obituaries and officiated at the funerals of John Vivian (1810-1870), who died at Oakland on November 28th, 1870, and his daughter, Mary (1838-1869), wife of Rev. George Brown. Mary died at Montreal on March 18th, 1869 at thirty-one years of age. Her remains were returned to Oakland for burial.

Rev. Burness Bristol 1865-1866 previously, he had served at Dumfries, Blenheim, St. Marys, Embro 1862, Dorchester 1863-64 and following his tenure at Oakland in 1865-66 he went on to Nissouri, Beverly, Saltfleet, Flamboro and was superannuated in 1884 at Brantford. He died on December 8, 1907.

His obituary in part, as taken from the Hamilton Methodist Conference minutes 1908, reads as follows;

BURNESS BRISTOL

"The Rev. Burness Bristol was born at Chippewa, February 8th, 1829. He received his education in his native village and in Auburn, N.Y. Afterwards for some years he taught school in the township of Barton.

He was converted in early youth, and at the age of twenty-six resolved to devote himself to the work of the ministry. He then became an exhorter, and the following year a local preacher. In 1858 he was ordained deacon, and in 1860 an elder, in the Methodist Episcopal church. He ministered faithfully in the following circuits: Rockton, Lynden, Brant, Saltfleet, Flamboro, Oakland, Brantford, St. Mary's, Nissouri, Dorchester and Dumfries.

In 1881 failing health compelled him to superannuate, and he settled near Jerseyville, where he resided until his death.

His end came suddenly on December 18, 1907 by an accident at the railway crossing near his home at Jerseyville, Ontario. To him this was a chariot of fire which bore him swiftly into Paradise, but left his loved ones and his comrades looking up through their tears crying, "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and the horsemen thereof".

In 1850 he was married to Miss Esther Vansickle, of West Flamboro, with whom he lived happily during fifty-seven years. The widow lingers yet a little while below, and with one son and three daughters, mourns the loss of a loving husband and a wise and affectionate father.

The funeral was conducted in the Jerseyville Church by the pastor, Rev. James Awde. In his prime Father Bristol was a great power in the ministry. He was thoroughly at home in revival services, and in the great camp-meetings of former days was fervent and effective. To the last he retained the earnest evangelistic spirit and was deeply interested in the spiritual life of the Church."

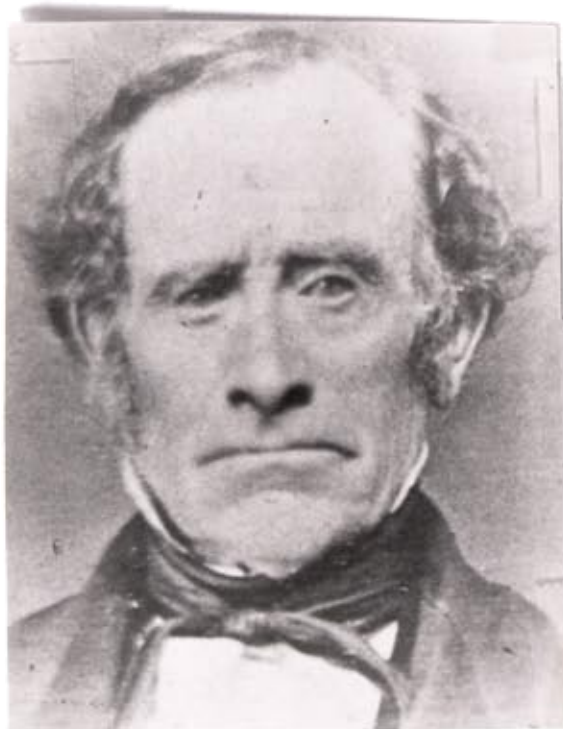
(Rev. Bristol had retired at Jerseyville and had lived there twenty-four years at the time of his death - he had just driven his children to school in a cutter and was struck by a train at the local crossing and instantly killed.)

Rev. David Culp

The Rev. Culp is shown in church records as serving at Oakland. He was born in Lancaster County, State of Pennsylvania, in the year 1784, on the 19th of July, of religious parents, his father being a Methodist and his mother a Lutheran and departed this life at Waterdown, in the County of Halton, Province of Ontario, on the 16th of June, 1871, in the 87th year of his age.

Father Culp came to Canada with his parents Christopher and Francis Culp when five years of age, who settled in the Township of Clinton, County of Lincoln, where the early part of his life was spent. His father's house was one of the first preaching places for Methodists in that section of country, and hence he was brought under religious instruction by the early pioneers of Methodism.

In 1809, he preached his trial sermon, and received a license as a local preacher, and in 1812 he entered the travelling connexion, at which time there was but one body of Methodists in Canada, viz., Episcopal Methodists. He travelled various circuits up to the year 1825, when he located, and continued to labor in that capacity until the disruption of 1833, at which time he stood firmly and unwaveringly by the old land marks, refusing to change his Church relations, or bear any other name but that of Episcopal Methodist. He took an active part in the reorganization of the Church of his choice in 1834, and from thence onward travelled extensively on circuits and as Presiding Elder until, through the infirmities of age, he was led to superannuate. He was twice married, firstly to Margaret House in 1804 at Grimsby and had ten children. They moved to Croton, Michigan about 1850 and Mrs. Culp died there in 1856. Rev. Culp remarried to Eliz (Anderson) Elliott. Rev. Culp then moved to Waterdown where he died.



Rev. David Culp

Other ministers (ordained or lay) who served one of the three Methodist congregations or perhaps the Baptist congregation were:

Rev. Francis Bird
 Wm Bird
 Zachariah Taylor
 D. Griffin
 R. B. Cook and J. Owen 1858
 J.M. Collins and Samuel Dunnett - 1861 (Baptist)
 Geo Smith 1862 (Baptist)
 S. Terwillinger 1865
 B. Bristol 1867
 J. Wood 1870
 T. Rouston 1873
 D. Williams and J.F. Fairchild and T. Rouston 1874
 D. Pomeroy and G.H. Johnson 1875
 A. W. Bannister 1876
 Thos Athloe and W. Clark 1881

Census records in 1851 show James C. Lemon, age 24 (clergyman) and Mrs. Lemon, age 24, living in the Township. Mr. Lemon was probably a Methodist - also in 1851, Wm Cope, age 37 clergyman and his wife, Susan age 37, together with George 14 years, Marian 10 years and Robert 7 years living in Oakland. On July 15th, 1871 Rev. Thos Lightbody died at fifty years of age and is buried at Scotland. It is not known which church he was associated with.

On the right is the Reverend George Brown who was well known to Oakland dwellers before the turn of the century. Mr. Brown married Mary Vivian (1838-1869) daughter of John and Sarah Vivian who lived in the house beside the grist mill. Married in 1859, the Rev. and Mary Brown had two children. The Reverend Brown served the Methodist Church in several localities, including Fingal. He took the service at Oakland when John Roberts (1802-1888) was buried.



The following are the Methodist and United Church ministers who received a call to Oakland following the opening of the present church. The biographical comments in quote after each name were written in 1970 by Roy McEwan, assisted by his brother, Fred.

Rev. James Webb 1884-1887 (other records show his tenure as 1885-1887) Roy McEwan reports:

"What I have to say about the early Ministers came from my father and mother. The rest from my own observation, for I knew all of them well. However, I have seen all of them and heard them speak except Mr. Watson. Rev. James Webb was the last of the Old Methodist Ministers and continued for some time in the New Order. Mrs. Webb organized the Ladies Aid and was it's first President. My wife and I were especially interested in Mr. Webb for he married my father and mother, Thomas McEwan and Julia Vivian; also, Alma's father and mother, Seth Bradshaw and Mercy Van Every on the 11th of June 1884 at Bealton. After Mr. Webb had read the announcements for the week, he would say "these are the announcements, govern yourselves accordingly".

HOLY MATRIMONY			
S. Stratford	H. Dunnett		
<i>According to the Ordinance of God and the Rules of the Methodist Church</i>			
<i>of Connecticut at Oakland on the 17th day of February</i>			
<i>in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Eighty Six</i>			
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During the fiscal year 1886/87 the Reverend Webb was responsible for four Methodist churches within his circuit - Oakland, Bealton, Wilsonville and Little Brant. The latter was located near the eastern tip of the Township, just outside the Township boundary, on property owned by Cyrus Fisher. Bearing in mind that Mr. Webb travelled to his various charges by horse and buggy, it is most unlikely that he was able to preach at all four churches on every successive Sunday. No doubt the Little Brant church, which had a very small congregation, held service every two weeks or perhaps sporadically. This church closed about 1890 when a new church went up at the village of Burtch.

The pastoral supporters in the Oakland appointment included Charles Vivian, miller - Mrs. Susan Smith (1806-1888) farmer west of the village (her great great granddaughter, Jean McEwan, is an active member of the church) - Joseph Roberts (1847-1941) farmer - Modecai Wesbrook, farmer - Abram Wesbrook, farmer - Hamilton Burtch, farmer (a trustee of the church) - Mahlon Edy (1856-1909) farmer (died accidentally by a fall from a tree) - Elisha Roberts

(1851-1937) farmer south of Oakland - John Roberts (Sr) (1803-1888) farmer on the Town line - Isaac Kelly (1835-1912) farmer (Trustee) - Edward Malcolm (1820-1913) farmer west of Oakland - Susan (Smith) Mrs. Tom Waugh (daughter of Mrs. Susan Smith) - Sylvester Stratford (1856-1943) farmer at Lower Oakland - Joseph Roberts (Jr.) (1880-1961) farmer (he migrated to Saskatchewan) - Henry Key farmer north of the village - David Secord (1856-1923) farmer east of Oakland - Mrs. John Dunnett nee Roberts (1842-1938) farmer south of Oakland. There are several others whose background has not been established.

The Rev. Jas. Webb's obituary, as taken from the Methodist church Hamilton conference minutes of 1916, reads as follows;

The obituary was read by Rev. S.E. Marshall B.A., adapted and ordered to be recorded in the Journal of Conference.

"Rev. James Webb was born on the 21st of April, 1846, in London township, County of Middlesex, and therefore had almost reached his three score years and ten, when he passed away at St. Catharines, March 17th, 1916. His parents, William and Sarah Webb, came from England, and settled in Middlesex. He was educated at London, taking a first-class teachers' certificate, and taught for four years before entering the ministry. Converted at Cherry Grove Church, Nissouri township, where his parents moved during his boyhood, he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1865, and was licensed as a local preacher in 1873, and joined the Niagara Conference in 1875. Two years afterwards he was ordained deacon, and in 1879 was ordained elder by Dr. Carman. He was married by Rev. J. H. Kennedy to Ida A. Moyer, daughter of Ryerson Moyer, county of Oxford,

OAKLAND CIRCUIT.

Laid for Pastoral Support 1886-87.

Oakland Appointment.

Chas Vivian.	\$24 00	Mrs. Lefler.	2 00
Susan Smith.	17 50	R. Taylor.	2 00
Mablou Edy.	16 00	Mr. Grantham.	2 00
Joseph Roberts, Sr..	11 00	Mrs. D. Book	2 00
Thomas Mills.	10 50	Joseph Roberts, jr..	2 00
M. H. Baldwin	10 00	George Taylor.	2 00
Mordecai Westbrook.	10 00	Mrs. Warne.	2 00
Abram Westbrook.	10 00	Henry Key.	1 50
Daniel McNaughton.	10 00	David Secord.	1 00
G. F. Chapman.	10 00	J. Yonng.	1 00
H. Burtch.	8 00	Mrs. Petrie.	1 00
A. Beebe.	8 00	W. Alma.	1 00
E. Roberts.	8 00	Mrs. Dunnett.	1 00
John Roberts, sr..	8 00	Mrs. McFarlan.	1 00
Wm. Creighton.	6 00	Mrs. Beebe.	1 00
I. Kelly.	6 00	Thos. Franklin.	50
Ed. Malcolm.	6 00	Collections	19 04
Susan Waugh.	5 00		
Wm. Martin.	4 00	Total	\$233 04
S. Stratford.	3 00		

Bealton Appointment.

John Taylor.	\$11 00	Leander Taylor.	4 00
Lewis A. Taylor.	12 00	Wm. Henning.	4 00
Wesley Taylor.	12 00	Wiltret Anderson.	4 00
Joseph Anderson.	10 00	Mrs. Ann Hyde.	4 00
Wm. Wymer.	9 00	Mrs. Myrscough.	4 00
Elgin Hyde.	8 00	Mrs. F. C. Dean.	4 00
Leamon Schuyler.	8 00	Aquilla Davis.	3 00
Lewis VanEvery.	8 00	David Galloway, sr..	3 00
Arthur Beal.	8 00	Thomas Kitehen.	3 00
Andrew Smith.	8 00	Mathew Cross.	2 50
James Rosa.	8 00	Mrs. Mary Jenner.	2 00
Daniel Buckberrough	8 00	Misses M. J. Robertson.	2 00
David Bradshaw.	8 00	David Gall jr..	1 25
Geo. W. Taylor.	8 00	Edward V. sry.	1 00
Gilbert Taylor.	8 00	Marshall Auderson.	1 00
John Schuyler.	8 00	Hiram VanEvery.	50
James Fields.	8 00	Collections	5 11
Joshua King.	6 50		
Elias Hyde.	4 00	Total	\$217 36
Milton Hyde.	4 00		

Wilsonville Appointment.

Alexander Skinner.	\$14 00	George Smith.	2 00
S. B. Nelles.	14 00	Walter Hall, sr.	2 00
Henry Lutes.	10 00	Edward Wilson.	2 00
James Riddle.	8 50	L. Lutes.	2 00
Wm. Young.	8 00	A. Young.	2 00
G. Robinson.	8 00	C. Craig.	2 00
J. Gould.	8 00	Levina Chambers	2 00
J. Kettle.	8 00	Mrs. E. Dunnett.	2 00
D. Wilson.	8 00	Alex. Skinner, jr..	2 00
J. Nelles.	7 00	M. Wymer.	1 50
D. Nelles.	7 00	A. Tunstall.	1 50
G. Taggart.	6 00	B. Chambers.	1 00
P. Wilson.	6 00	F. Slaght.	1 00
B. Lundy.	5 00	Kate Smith.	1 00
James Lutes.	5 00	A. Birdsall.	1 00
John Persall.	5 00	Wm. Boek.	1 00
N. Gordon.	5 00	F. Piteher.	1 00
Mrs. Bannister and family	4 00	L. Piteher.	1 00
Alex. Rock.	4 00	G. Montross.	1 00
H. Fryer.	4 00	D. Persall.	1 00
Mrs. Nelles.	4 00	Jas. Persall.	1 00
J. S. Wilson.	3 50	Jas. Miller.	75
Susan Piteher.	3 00	Martha Birdsall.	50
Rachel Smith.	3 00	Wilfred Smith.	50
U. Pugsley.	3 00	Louisa Smith.	50
Barbara Skinner.	3 00	Kate Sayles.	25
Isaac Lundy.	3 00		
Edward Hall.	2 00	Total	\$204 50
Martha Nelles	2 00		

Brant Appolntment.

Andrew J. Fisher.	\$3 25	Maggie Norrie.	0 75
Jas. Norrie.	1 50	Eliza Myrscough.	75
Charles Atkinson.	1 50	Cyrus Fisher.	50
Walter Thompson.	1 00	Daniel Wilson.	25
Mrs. T. Hunter.	1 00		
Elsie Norrie.	75	Total	\$11 25

on Christmas Day, 1877. For thirty-seven years he was in the active work in the Niagara and Hamilton Conferences, and served the following Circuits: London township, Southwold, Norwich, Mount Elgin, Charlotteville, Troy, Barton, Oakland, Kelvin, Canboro, Tintern, Peel, Belwood, Kenilworth, Louth and Grantham, Cainsville and Wellandport. He was Statistical Secretary of the Niagara Conference for seven years. For some years before he retired from the active work Bro. Webb was deeply interested in the Children's Aid Work, and on superannuating in June, 1912, he moved to St. Catharines and became agent of this society for the County of Lincoln and the City of St. Catharines, which position he ably filled until within a short time of his death. He connected himself with St. Paul street Church, where he was highly esteemed by all the people, and where he continued to serve the Master faithfully.

He leaves a widow, a married son, Winfred, a daughter, Laura, now Mrs. W. H. Book, and two adopted daughters, Lulu and Jessie, all residing in St. Catharines. The funeral service was held on Monday, March 20th attended by a very large circle of friends. Rev. D.A. Moir, Chairman of the District; Rev. S.E. Marshall, of St. Paul Street Church, and Rev. R.D. Hamilton, of Welland Avenue Church, spoke of his earnest and varied services, and the high esteem in which he was held by his brethren in the ministry, by the church of which he was a member and by the citizens generally. Revs. Dr. Geo. Clark, H. Brand, H.L. Roberts, Wray R. Smith, A.K. Birks and Dr. Smith, of Knox Church, also took some part in the service. He was laid to rest in Victoria Lawn cemetery, St. Catharines, by six of his brother ministers until the day when "the sower and the reaper shall rejoice together".

Rev. James Foote - 1887-1891 (other records show his tenure as being 1888 to 1890).

Roy McEwan reports;

"Rev. Foote, who followed, was a stout man with a powerful voice. No one went to sleep under his preaching. Sometime after he had moved from Oakland, he was invited back to a tea meeting and among other Ministers was asked to speak. The chairman, knowing Rev. Foote, asked the audience to be very quiet. In fact, so quiet they could hear a pin dropping on the pulpit, for Mr. Foote was going to speak. The story was told that one day out visiting, he met one of his church members. They got in such a heated argument that Mr. Foote tied his horse to the fence, took off his coat, hung it on the fence and said, "Religion, stay there until I finish this!"

His obituary, taken from the Hamilton Conference minutes of 1921, was presented by Rev. W. A. Prudham, approved and ordered to be worded in the Journal of Conference.

"James Gordon Foote was born in Varna, Huron County, Ontario, March 15, 1848 and passed to his glorious reward July 16, 1921, at Drayton, in his seventy-third year, forty-four of which were happily spent in the Methodist ministry.

He began life on his father's farm and attended the common schools of his native county. At an early age he engaged as a clerk in a general store where he was so successful that he finally became manager. At the age of twenty-six he was converted to God and immediately gave up business to prepare for the work of the ministry. About this time he attended the Academy for young men at Dundas and later completed his scholastic education at Victoria College, Coburg.

Responding to the call of God he was received on probation for the ministry in 1876 and was appointed to the Bervie Circuit. The next two years he travelled the Dorchester Circuit and in the following year went to Victoria College. He was received into full connexion and ordained at Brantford in 1881, Rev. Alexander Langford being president. He served successively Port Colborne, Welland Ave. St. Catharines, Troy, Oakland, Cainsville, Cayuga, Mount Pleasant, Delhi, Waterdown, Fonthill, Jarvis and Drayton, always completing a full term in successful ministry.

Under his wise administration his circuits prospered, churches and parsonages were built, and improved, the connexional claims well sustained, and many souls brought to our Saviour. He was possessed of a fine physique, a commanding voice, and a tireless energy, all of which was consecrated to the single purpose of lifting men into fellowship with God. His associates at College delight in telling how he threw himself with entire abandon into revival services on adjacent circuits at which the students gave assistance. One of his recording stewards declares that he would rather preach than eat. He belonged to the old school of theology. The old, old story was the newest and most helpful gospel he could find.

Brother Foote was not lacking in the practical and social phases of Christianity. In the earlier days of the temperance movement he was a stalwart advocate of prohibition. Nor was he less remitting in later years as many marked articles and paragraphs in his library go to show. Among men he made no class distinctions but ever magnified the brotherhood of the race. Always bright,

cheerful, and optimistic, he never made allowance for defeat or failure.

During the severe winter of 1920 constant devotion to pastoral duties did much to undermine the rugged constitution of this servant of God. An attack of inflammatory rheumatism brought on other complications. From the May District meeting he went home to go to bed and was unable to attend Conference. The prospect of a year's rest in a superannuated relationship failed to realize, for he gradually grew weaker. He never gave up hope. Bright and cheerful to the end he constantly inquired about the work of the Church and gave clear testimony to faith and hope in the Saviour.

The funeral, the third for a minister, was held in the Drayton church under the direction of the president of the Conference. Six stalwart men, members of the official board carried the remains to Victoria cemetery to await the resurrection of the just. A widow, one daughter, and two sons are left in sorrow but not without the consolation of hope."

Rev. Wm Crossley Watson MA - 1891-1893

Roy McEwan states:

"The next minister I did not know, although I saw him once. My people moved from Oakland for awhile during the time Mr. Watson was the Minister. He had 2 children, the boy's name was Morley."

The Rev. Watson's obituary in part, as taken from the Hamilton conference minutes, reads as follows:

William C. Watson M.A. was born at Grahamsville Peel County in 1837 and passed peacefully and triumphantly away to his eternal home in Brampton Ontario December 8th, 1917. His father John C. Watson came from Scotland in 1800 and settled at Grahamsville some years before the subject of this memoir was born.

Bro. W. Watson attended Victoria College at Cobourg from which he graduated with his Arts degree. In 1867 he received his M.A. degree from the same seat of learning. He began his ministry in 1860 and was ordained by Rev. W.L. Thornton M.A. President of the Wesleyan Conference.

In 1868 he was married to Martha Snider of Norwich, who survives with their own son Morley.

Among his charges were Mono 1860, Albion 1861, Cobourg 1862, Perth 1863, Norwich 1864, Bayham 1865, Waterford 1867, Oxford Centre 1868-70, Don Mills 1874,

Kingsville 1875, Wallaceburg 1878, Park Hill 1879, Waterdown 1884, Cainsville 1885-87, Mount Pleasant 1888-90, Oakland 1891-93, Brantford (Oxford St.) 1894-96, Elmira 1897-01, Eramosa 1902, Norwich and Dawn Mills.

Bro. Watson was a generous friend, a genial companion, a man of true and honest purpose, of pure mind, of sound judgement, prompt in action, faithful in matters of trust, an earnest Christian worker, and an ardent lover of Methodism. all his life he was a keen student and an indefatigable worker. He was faithful in the interpretation of the Word and successful in its proclamation. He was considered a fine cultured preacher.

He was tactful, kindly and of a sympathetic disposition, which won for him many friends. He was in the active work forty-three years.

In 1903 he accepted a superannuated relation and went to live in Brampton where he continued till his death in 1917 at Brampton. For the greater part of the superannuated period of his life he was quite active in pastoral work among the sick, and supplying pulpits when need required.

Dr. Richard Wm. Scanlon, MA, Ph.D. - 1894-1896

Roy McEwan reports:

"Rev. Scanlon was, as far as I know, the only Minister with a degree. He was a scholar and showed it in his preaching. His wife was a very sweet singer. They had three children, Mancel, Mabel, and Reg."

SECOND ANNUAL
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 (NORWICH DISTRICT)

OF
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And other Young People's Societies in connection with
 the Methodist Church, will be held in the

Methodist Church, Norwich,

ON
TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, FEB. 4 AND 5, '96.

Dr. Scanlon of Oakland was one of the organizers of this convention. He delivered an address titled "The League and Revivals". Other Oakland Methodist church participants included Percy M. Button, superintendent of the Sunday School, a solo by Miss Brown of Oakland, How to interest young people in Bible Study by Miss Crumback and "The League and Social Problems" by Percy Button who appeared to have taken a prime leadership role at the convention.

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Minister--Rev. R. W. Scanlon, Ph. D.	
Local Preachers.	
M. H. Baldwin, James Kettle, David Cnke.	
Class Leaders.	
Oakland--	M. H. Baldwin, Jos. Roberts, C. Vivian, Charles Cox, Albert McEwan, Mrs. Mahlon Edy, Mrs. Chas. C. x. Isaac Kelley
Wilsonville--	James Kettle, John Persall, Alex. Skinner, sr., Wilfred Anderson, S. B. Nelles, Alex. Skinner, jr., Leamon Lutes, Mrs. Wilfred Anderson, Mrs. L. Lutes
Bealton--	Richard Churchill, David Bradshaw, Marshall Anderson, Joseph Anderson, Geo. W. Taylor, Mrs. Geo. W. Taylor, Mrs. J. R. Taylor, Mrs. E. Hyde.
Stewards.	
Oakland--	Charles Cox, Jos. Roberts, Mahlon Edy.
Wilsonville--	Wilfred Anderson, S. B. Nelles
Bealton--	A. J. Smith, J. R. Taylor, Rec. Steward.
Representatives.	
Trustee Representatives--	Oakland--Abram Westbrook, Wilsonville--David Nelles, Bealton--Elgin Hyde.
Society Representatives--	Oakland--H. Burtch, Elisha Roberts, Wilsonville--Peter Wilson, Edward Birdsall, James Riddle, Bealton--John F. VanEvery, Lewis A. Taylor.
Sabbath School Superintendents.	
Oakland--	Charles Cox, Wilsonville--S. B. Nelles, Bealton--John R. Taylor.
Sabbath School Committee.	
Oakland--	E. Roberts, Wilsonville--James Kettle, Bealton--J. Ross.

Oakland Appointment.

NAME	Ministerial Fund.	Current Expenses.	Mission Fund.	Superannuation Fund.	Educational Fund.	Total.
Anders, N.	2 00					2 00
Baldwin, M. H.	15 00					15 00
Baldwin, Emerson	1 00	2 00		50		17 50
Baldwin, Kate		50				1 00
Baldwin, Lewis	4 00		50	50		5 00
Baldwin, Mrs. L.		50				50
Burtch, H.	13 00		50			13 50
Burtch, Mrs. H.	2 00	1 00				3 00
Bunnister, Chas.	4 00	2 00				6 00
Booth, Mrs. J.		50				50
Booth, Crace	1 00	25				1 25
Booth, Frank	75					75
Button, Percy	2 00	1 00			50	3 50
Button, Herbert	1 00					1 00
Brown, Jennie	1 00		50			1 50
Creighton, Wm.	8 00					8 00
Creighton, Mrs. Wm.				25		25
Couke, Mrs.	3 00					3 00
Couke, David	2 60	1 00				3 60
Couke, Minnie		25				25
Cook, Edwin	3 00					3 00
Crumbach, Joseph	9 00					9 00
Crumbach, Merritt	1 50		25			1 75
Crumbach, Mrs. M.	1 00					1 00
Crumbach, George	1 50		25			1 75
Cox, Chas.	10 00	1 00	1 00			12 00
Cox, Mrs. C.		1 00				1 00
Cox, Allen	2 00					2 00
Chambers, Bertha	50					50
Diamond, John				50		50
Diamond, Mrs. J.	3 00					3 00
Dunnett, Herbert	2 00		25			2 25
Day, L. S.	2 80		50			3 30
Day, Mrs. L.			50			50
Edy, Mahlon	8 00	2 50	50	25		11 25
Edy, Mrs. M.	5 00	2 50		25		7 75
Edy, Maitland	1 00	1 00				2 00
Edy, Lavell	1 00	1 00				2 00
Furler, David	2 00					2 00
Foide, Mrs. Geo.	2 10					2 10
Green, Eva		25				25
Grantham, Mrs. R.	4 00	25				4 25
Grantham, Walter	1 00	25				1 25
Grantham, Mathias	5 20					5 20
Hoffman, John	7 80	1 00	50			9 30
Hilliard, Samuel	12 25	2 00	50			14 75
Haviland, Benj.	6 50	1 00				7 50
Kelly, Isaac	5 00	50				5 50
Kelly, Bessie	6 00	2 00				8 00
Kelly, Wesley	2 60	1 00				3 60
Key, Henry	2 50	1 00	50			4 00

CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS

Moses Hervy Baldwin (1827-1905) farmer on lot 5, concession III
 Joseph Roberts (1847-1941) farmer lot 7, Concession I (Townsend)
 Charles Vivian (1844-1914) miller Vivian's Grist Mill
 Charles Cox and Mrs. Cox
 Albert McEwan (1869-1938) farmer lot 10, Concession II
 Mahlon Edy and Mrs. Edy farmers lot 11, Concession I
 Isaac Kelly (1835-1912) farmer lot 10, Concession II
 Abram Westbrook (1844-1910) farmer lot 7, Concession I
 Hamilton Burtch (1839-1898) farmer lot 12, Concession I
 Elisha Roberts (1851-1937) farmer lot 6, Concession I (Townsend)

Oakland Appointment.

NAME	Ministerial Fund.	Current Expenses.	Mission Fund.	Superannuation Fund.	Educational Fund.	Total.
Key, Mrs. H	2 50		1 00			3 50
Key, James A	5 00		1 00			6 00
Key, Nettie	2 00		50			2 50
Key, Louisa	2 00					2 00
Key, Orton	1 05		50			1 55
Key, Mardie	1 00		50			1 50
Key, Karl	50					50
Lefler, Alpheus	2 00					2 00
Lenton, A			50			50
Lawson, L	1 00					1 00
Malcolm, Edward	5 00					5 00
McFarlane, Mrs. Wm	1 00		25			1 25
Martin, Wm	4 00			25		4 25
McEwen, Mrs. I'hos. sr	2 00		50			2 50
McEwen, Albert	2 60		50	25		3 35
McEwen, Thos	3 00		50	50		4 00
McEwen, Mrs. T. jr	1 15		50			1 65
McAlister, Chas	5 00	2 00				7 00
McAlister, Annie	2 50					2 50
McAlister, Edith	2 50					2 50
Misher, Geo	2 60		50			3 10
Misner, Mrs. G			50			50
Murray, Geo	2 60		25			2 85
Roberts, Joseph	13 00	2 00	50			15 50
Roberts, Joseph, jr	50					50
Roberts, Mrs. John, sr	5 00	1 00				6 00
Roberts, Elisha	13 00	4 00				17 00
Stratford, S	5 00		75	25		6 00
Schean, Mrs	4 00	2 00	50			6 50
Secord, David	7 80					7 80
Smith, Ellen	1 05		50			1 55
Scanlan, Rev. R. W				2240		22 40
Scanlon, Mrs. R. W	7 00		6 00			13 00
Scanlan, Maunsell	1 00					1 00
Scanlan, Reggie	1 00					1 00
Taylor, Richard	5 00		1 00			6 00
Taylor, Mrs. Geo			50			50
Vivian, Chas	18 00	2 50	35			20 85
Vivian, Mrs C	2 00	2 50	25			4 75
Vivian, John	2 00	1 00				3 00
Vivian, Payson	2 00	1 00				3 00
Vivian, Fred	1 00	1 00				2 00
Vivian, Alberta	1 00					1 00
Westbrook, Abram, sr	12 00					12 00
Westbrook, W. H	1 00					1 00
Westbrook, Lorne	1 00					1 00
Westbrook, Roy	1 00					1 00
Westbrook, Mordecai	13 00	1 00				14 00
Westbrook, Mrs. M		1 00				1 00
Westbrook, Ella		25				25
Westbrook, Melissa		25				25
Westbrook, Abram, jr	1 00					1 00
Westbrook, F. G		50				50
Waugh, Thomas	3 75	1 00	1 00			5 75

Oakland Appointment.

NAME	Ministerial Fund.	Current Expenses.	Mission Fund.	Superannuation Fund.	Educational Fund.	Total.
Waugh, Mrs. T	3 35		1 00			4 35
Waugh, Lillith	1 25		50			1 75
Waugh, Julia	1 20		50			1 70
Walters, Mrs. J	55					55
Wright, James			25			25
Wright, Arthur			1 00			1 00
Young, Mrs. J	1 50		25			1 75
Young, Wilfred	1 04					1 04
Young, Herbert	50					50
A friend			50			50
Col. Missions by M. Scanlan			2 00			2 00
Col. Missions by Ada Burch			3 20			3 20
Collection			1 70			1 70

Ministerial and Current Expense Fund.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURES.	
Balance from last year.	\$ 5 68	Ministers salary	\$253 75
Subscriptions	350 09	All other expenses	116 74
Collections	30 76	Balance	16 04
	<u>\$386 53</u>		<u>\$386 53</u>



Dr. Scanlon

Dr. Scanlon served at Belmont 1881, Appin, Dorchester, Belgrave 1883, Walsh 1884-85, Canboro 1886, Caistorville 1887-89, Trafalgar 1890-92, Carlisle 1893, Oakland 1894-96, Nassagaweya 1897-99, Jarvis 1900-02, Glanford 1903-05, Ancaster 1906-08, Elmira 1909-11, Smithville 1912-13, Port Elgin 1914-17, Hamilton 1918, Toronto 1922-25. He was a graduate of Wesley University, Bloomington Ill. MA 1892 and Ph.D. 1895.

Rev. Thomas Amy - 1896-1898

Roy McEwan reports:

"Rev. Amy was an older man. The family was grown up but Will and Sadie were still at home. Will was an athlete and was often seen running on the road. Sadie was a tall girl with a good singing voice. One Sunday morning during the service a rain storm came up. Evidently Mrs. Amy had left the windows up, for she called up to Mr. Amy if he had the key. So Will went up to his Father and got the key and went home and put the windows down. One beautiful October day during his pastorate, the old Parsonage burned. Mrs. Book, who lived next to the school, came to the school door and announced a fire in the village. The teacher (Miss Carrow) immediately got on her bicycle and went to the fire. When she came back she told us where the fire was, and to our delight said, "there will be no more school today". The present parsonage was in the process of being built, but not finished. The Amys moved into what we call the Alf Martin place. However, they moved the next June without having lived in the new Parsonage, which he had helped plan."

His obituary, as taken from the Hamilton conference minutes, reads in part:

Rev. Thos. Amy

The subject of this brief Memorial was a pioneer Methodist Preacher who passed away at Burlington Ontario January the 10th, 1923 at 83 years of age. After a long life of well doing in his 84th year.

Bro. Amy was born in Camelford, Cornwall, England in the year 1840.

He came to Canada with his parents at the age of eight years and settled in what is known as the Queens Bush near Ellra at the age of sixteen he was converted to God, and began to live for the things of the Kingdom and when he was twenty-four years of age he answered the call of God and entered the Ministry of the Prunition Methodist Church in which he received ordination. He served His God and our Beloved Church with a devotion born of a complete consecration to his work for fifty-eight years. His kindly spirit and gentle manner and general thoughtfulness won him a large place in the lives of others.

He leaves to mourn his loss a life long companion, Miss Mary N. Balfour two sons and two daughters Dr. W.B. Amy Toronto Lacey of London, England. Mrs. Augustus Klein of California and Mrs. Martin Kerr of Hamilton.

(Rev. Amy served at Bosanquet 1865, Minto 1866, Albion 1867-68, Walpole 1869-71, Reach (Kingston) 1872-74, Portland (Quelph) 1875-77, Hawksville 1878-80, Plympton 1881-83, Tiverton 1884-86, Bervie 1887-89, Wallace 1890-92, Trowbridge 1893, Nassagaweya 1895-96, Oakland 1897-98, Trafalgar 1899-01, Wellandport 1902, Binbrook 1906-07, Innerkip 1908-10 and in 1911 superannuated at Otterville, 1913 Norwich, 1914-23 Sup'd Burlington)

Rev. Thomas Robert Clark - 1898-1902 (other records show 1899-01).

Roy McEwan reports:

"Rev. Clark was an Irishman. He was a quiet man whose sermons were not filled with fire and brimstone. Nevertheless they were filled with meat for the soul. Mrs. Clark was a real helpmate, with a good voice for singing. He drove a gig or two wheeled buggy to serve the people. They were the first to live in the new parsonage. They had no children."

The Rev. Clark married Payson Vivian (1876-1958) and Florence Brown (1879-1952) at the church on the 13th of June 1900.



Circa 1902

Joseph	Mrs.	Mrs.	Rev.
Roberts	Roberts	Clark	Clark

Caroline	Fanny	Eliza
(Roberts)	(Vivian)	(Roberts)
Kelly	Roberts	Dunnett

His obituary in part, as taken from the Hamilton Conference minutes of 1930, reads as follows:

REV. T. R. CLARK

With the passing of the Rev. Thos. R. Clark, the United Church has lost one of its faithful and valued pioneer ministers.

The call came to Mr. Clark while in his garden at his home in Delhi on June 30th, 1929. He had just called on his ministerial brethren of the village as if he were saying Good-bye.

Mr. Clark was born in Queen's County, Ireland, Dec. 1st, 1848. He came with his parents to Fergus, Ontario, when a lad of five years of age, and settled with them on a farm.

Mr. Clark's student days were spent in Georgetown Academy, after which he taught school for a short time, then made the decision to enter the ministry of the Methodist Church, to which he was ordained in June, 1879.

In October of the year 1879, while stationed at Brigden, Mr. Clark was united in marriage to Miss Anna Shields of Holstein, who proved a true and loving helpmate, aiding him greatly in his ministry by the use of her cultured voice, which was dedicated to the Master's service.

Mr. Clark served on the following circuits: Mount Forest 1875, Holstein, Lucknow, Brigden, Oil Springs, Plattsville 1883, Eastwood, Otterville and Bookton 1889-91, Otterville, Courtland, Walsh and Delhi 1919-25 where he was superannuated.

During Mr. Clark's forty-four years in the active work of the ministry, he became greatly endeared to a host of friends and workers of the Church. He could rightly be termed "A Peacemaker", for he always worked for unity and peace, overlooking so many things that would have overpowered a weaker man.

Mr. Clark was beloved by many probationers who assisted him on various fields, some of whom testified at the funeral services, of the help and inspiration he had been to them when starting out in their ministerial careers.

From his boyhood days until his sudden departure, Mr. Clark was a staunch, tireless temperance worker, ever giving of his best in the fight against the liquor traffic.

The many tributes paid Mr. Clark at the impressive service held in the United Church July 2nd, 1929, testified to the memory of a beautiful life spent in loving service, which will always be an inspiration to those who have been associated with him.

(Church records show the Rev. T. Clark as serving at Trafalgar 1895-98, Oakland 1899-01 and Oxford Centre in 1902 - his name has been spelled Clark, also Clarke).

Rev. Henry Hill - 1902-1904

Roy McEwan reports:

"Rev. Hill died while serving on the Oakland Circuit. The one thing that I remember was that I joined the church while he was here. Another thing that I remember, was that his wife and three young daughters had beautiful red hair. The girls names were Mina, Zena, and Edna. He also drove a gig."

His obituary in part, as taken from the Hamilton Methodist Conference minutes in 1904, reads as follows:

HENRY EARLE HILL

Was born in Wexford County, Ireland, March 17th, 1838, and was educated in Dublin. Was converted to God in early life under the ministry of the Rev. Thomas Guard, and commenced at once his preparation for the work of the Methodist ministry. He came to Canada with letters to Drs. Punshon and Griffin, and was sent under the chairman as supply to Oil Springs and Petrolia under the superintendency of the Rev. George A. Mitchell, B.A., and after a successful period of probation he was received into full connexion, and ordained in the year 1875. He was married in the year 1878 to Miss Mary C., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Palmer, of Shelburne, Ont., who, with her three daughters, now mourn the loss of a devoted and loving husband and father. His fields of labour following his ordination were London North, Sydenham, Grand Bend, Appin, Hensall, Kintore, Bayfield, Grand Valley, Arkwright, Freelton, Moorefield and Oakland, where he preached his last sermon July 19th, 1903. Brother Hill was a faithful expounder of the Word of God, and was eminently successful upon all his fields of labor, to which individuals and Quarterly Boards were not slow to bear testimony. He was loyal to the Church of his choice, its discipline and doctrines; he was an earnest pastor, and upright in all dealings with men; he loved his home, his work, his people, never considering self when duty called. He was good, true and generous to a fault, never making excuse for himself, but rather over-estimating his own strength, but never his own ability. He was a faithful Methodist minister of sterling qualities. The gospel which he preached to others he declared to be all sufficient in his last hours, and he assured his friends that were by his side that he had nothing to do, either for this world or the next, but was fully ready, through Jesus Christ, for the great and solemn change. Gradually and quietly he fell asleep in Jesus September 4th, 1903. He had a successful ministry of thirty-three years.

Taken from the Christian Guardian April 13, 1904:

"He had not been well for some months. The few who knew this urged his retirement from active work. This he was reluctantly willing to do. On July 19th he preached for the last time, speaking from the 23rd Psalm he earnestly exhorted his people to so live for Christ as to be ready for the better home. Not for one moment thinking it was to be his last sermon, yet it was a fitting close to a consecrated lifework. After a consultation of doctors it was agreed that he must take complete rest. Anxious to try hospital treatment he was taken to Brantford where in ten days "he was not, for God took him".

In answer to the question if there was anything to settle in a clear voice he replied: "All is settled for time and for eternity". A few minutes before he left he whispered to his sorrowing wife: "Rest is so sweet". A peaceful look coming over his pale, worn face, having caught a glimpse of the heavenly he then "fell on sleep", at 65 years of age.

Memorial services were held in Brantford, Oakland, and Moorfield. He was laid to rest in Shelburne Cemetery as one who loved his Saviour and his work."

(Rev. Hill served at Moorefield 1898-01 before coming to Oakland).

Rev. George I. Miller -
1904-1904

Roy McEwan reports:

"The powers that be, sent Rev. Miller, a retired minister to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Hill. Mr. Miller had a wooden leg caused by an accident in the lumber woods. While he was here, the Bealton service was held in the morning and Oakland in the evening, because he was an older man. He was a short man with a white pointed beard. He was a wonderful preacher who stood on one side with his hand on the pulpit and seldom used notes. His daughter, who was not married, kept house for him. While he was here, Mr. A. Westbrook drove him around."



These ladies are out for a Sunday drive in the family carriage - a two wheel gig.

George Miller's obituary in part, as taken from the Hamilton Methodist Conference, reads as follows:

GEORGE MILLER

George Miller was born in Jerseyville, Wentworth County, Ontario, July 30th, 1829, and died in Mildmay, Bruce County, on February 16th, 1911, in his 82nd year.

When but a child his parents definitely consecrated him to God, and from his fifth year our brother possessed the consciousness of the Divine favor.

After teaching school some years, and being convinced that God was leading him, he entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was received on probation at the Beverley Conference in the year 1856. To better prepare himself for his life work he attended Berea College, Ohio, after which he was ordained Elder at the Lynden Conference in 1862. He travelled the Meaford, Bronte and Sparta Circuits. Sustaining a severe accident, which resulted in the loss of a limb, he was compelled to give up the ministry for some years. Then resuming his much loved work, he travelled the Uxbridge, Queensville, Colborne, Orono, Oshawa, Aurora and Brooklin circuits, and after the union of 1884, the Willowdale, Strathallan, Washington and Lynden circuits.

He was granted a superannuated relation in 1895, and purchased a home in Woodstock, but spent very little time therein. It was his supreme joy to labor for God and the church as opportunity presented itself, and for nearly sixteen years after superannuation he preached an average of two sermons a week. During these years he supplied the work on the following circuits: Oxford Centre (nearly two years), Sweaburg, Oakland, Varney, Drayton, Sydenham St., Brantford, and Mildmay (more than two years).

His last illness was of but short duration - a few days only.

He frequently remarked that he "felt tired", and contemplated a few weeks' vacation. But it was his Father's will to give him the better rest. Quietly and peacefully he entered into the rest that remaineth for the people of God.

George Miller was a man of high ideals, strong convictions and splendid courage. He was a clear thinker, a good sermonizer and attractive in his manner of presenting truth. He shunned not "to declare the whole counsel of God", and did so with a soulfulness and

winsomeness that gave his preaching a peculiar charm. Wherever he went the people heard him gladly. He was a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord. Many were his assurances that his labor was not in vain.

In 1859 he was married to Anne Hirst, of Weston, whose Christian devotion and tender love proved his life-long inspiration and strength. She predeceased him nine years.

Two daughters, Mrs. F. Stauffer and Miss Etta, both of Woodstock, survive him.

Rev. Edward Shepherd - 1904-1907 (Sheppard)

Roy McEwan reports:

"Rev. Shepherd came to Oakland from Kelvin. He was a short stout man about thirty-five years of age with a joke for every occasion. His preaching was of evangelistic type and during his stay here many decided to become followers of Christ. He could make you laugh and cry in the same sermon. He was not above helping a farmer in the field when the occasion arose. The story is told that when he was on the Kelvin Circuit he dropped in where they were threshing oats. The farmer told him he would give him all the oats he could carry in his buggy. The story goes that he put fourteen bags in his buggy, quite a load for his horse, Cora, to draw.

In his early days he was a good soccer player, and was chosen on a team to represent Canada in England. But, owing to his university studies, he had to turn it down.

As you may know, the transportation of the Minister was by horse and buggy. For some reason or other, most of the Ministers came from the farm which accounts for the good horses and good horsemen among them. The horses were always well fed and groomed.

The one that I remember much about was Rev. Shepherds horse. He called her 'Cora'. She was a bay mare about 1100 or 1200 pounds and had rather a lumbering gait. But she could get over the roads just the same."

His obituary in part, as taken from the Methodist Hamilton Conference minutes of 1929, reads as follows:

REPORT

FOR THE

Oakland Circuit

OF THE

Methodist Church

For the Year Ending May 1905.

PASTOR, - REV. E. SHEPPARD.
 REC.-STEWARD - JOHN R. TAYLOR.

LOCAL PREACHERS

James Kettle, P. Button, Albert Wesbrook, G. Crumback,
 A. Skinner.

CLASS LEADERS.

Oakland—Isaac Kelly, M. Edy, Joseph Roberts, C. Vivian,
 Mrs. M. Edy, Mr. Barnes, Ellen Vivian, Mrs. S. Roberts.

WILSONVILLE—James Kettle, S. B. Nelles, A. Skinner, L.
 Lutes, Mrs. L. Lutes, W. Anderson, Mrs. S. B. Nellis

BEALTON—D. Bradshaw, R. W. Churchill, G. W. Taylor, J.
 Anderson, Mrs. Geo. Taylor, M. E. Anderson.

STEWARDS.

OAKLAND—T. Barnes, Charles Vivian, J. Roberts.

WILSONVILLE—S. B. Nelles, W. T. Anderson.

BEALTON—A. J. Smith, J. R. Taylor.

TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVES.

OAKLAND—A. Wesbrook. WILSONVILLE—D. R. Nelles.

BEALTON—E. Hyde.

SABBATH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

OAKLAND—Thos. Barnes. WILSONVILLE—W. Anderson.

BEALTON—A. J. SMITH.

SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVES.

OAKLAND—M. Wesbrook, J. Diamond. WILSONVILLE—E.

P. Wilson, Frank Riddle. BEALTON—Wm. Slanght,
 E. Hyde.

OAKLAND.

NAME.	Salary.		Thank Offering.		Missions and Educational		Funds.	
	\$	c	\$	c	\$	c	\$	c
Almas G.	1	00	3	00				1 00
Anders N.	5	00				50		
Armstrong E. D.	2	00						1 00
Bannister C.	6	00	2	00	1	00		25
Baldwin L. H.	5	00	2	00	1	00		50
Baldwin M.				1 00				50
Baldwin E.				2 00				
Barnes T.	10	00	2	60				1 00
Barnes W.				1 00	1	00		1 00
Birtch Mrs.	10	00	2	50	1	00		50
Birtch Ada.								50
Book D.	2	00	1	00				1 00
Biggar G.	2	35		50		50		50
Button P.	3	50	2	00	2	00		
Barton Mrs.				25				50
Burton Chas.								25
Campbell Geo.	2	00	2	00				
Campbell Mrs.				1 00				
Creighton W.	8	00	4	00	1	50		50
Crumback Geo.	5	00	3	00		50		75
Crumback J. S.	6	00	2	00		50		50
Crumback M.	3	00	2	00	1	00		25
Collection.	40	28	4	09	5	35		
Diamond J.	2	00	2	00	4	00		50
Duckworth Mrs.				50				
Dunnett Mrs. E.				1 00				
Dunnett H.	2	00	1	00	1	00		25
Dunnett J.	5	00	1	00				
Edy Mahlon.	4	00	1	00				
Edy Maitland.	1	00	1	00	2	00		1 00
Edy Lavell.	1	00	1	00	1	00		25
Elliott Mrs. J.				1 00		50		2 00
Fewings Mr.				50				25
Forde Mrs.				25				
Friends.								75
Grantham G.	5	00	35		25			25
Grantham H.				25				25
Grantham M.	5	00	2	00	25			50
Grantham W.	3	20	50		25		1 00	
Green Miss.						50		
Gordon Mr.								50
Hoffman J.	3	40	3	00	1	00		1 00
Hall A.	2	00						25
Knox Frank.				1 00				
Knox Fred.								25
Knox Geo.				50				25
Knox Nellie.				50				
Kelly Miss.	6	00	1	00	2	00		50
Kelly I.	11	00	3	00	2	00	1	00
Kelly J. W.	3	10	2	00	2	00		25
Lefter Mrs.		60	1	00				
Lefter A.				2 00				
Logan Mr.				25				
Mills Mrs.	1	00						
Misener Mr.				50				50
Malcolm E.				1 00				50
McEwan H.				1 00	1	00		25
McEwan T.	2	00			1	00		
McEwan Mrs. W.	5	00	1	00				
Mordue J. A.								50
McIntyre Mrs.				50		50		
Messecar D.				1 00		25		
McFarlane Mrs.				1 00				
Pasco Miss.	2	00						
Proper R.						50		
Roberts E.	8	00	3	00	4	00		85
Roberts Jos.	10	00	2	00	2	00		50
Roberts Mrs. John.	6	00						
Roberts Miss B.				50		25		
Robinson Mr.				25				
Rock W.				25				
Secord Earl.				50	50			25

Ending May 1905

OAKLAND—Continued.

NAME.	Salary		Thank Offering		Missions		Funds.	
	\$	c	\$	c	\$	c	\$	c
Secord Ernest.....	1	00	1	00	1	00		
Secord David.....	5	20	12	00	50		50	
Shane Mrs.....	4	00	1	00	12	00	50	
Sheppard Mrs. E.....	15	00	5	00	17	00	24	75
Schuyler J. G.....	2	00	1	00	25		50	
Smith Edwin L.....				50				
Smith Edward.....				50	25		50	
Smith Miss.....			1	00				
Stratford Perley.....							25	
Stratford S.....	4	00	5	00	1	00	50	
Swears D.....	1	00					1	00
Swears T.....	3	00		30			50	
Sunday School.....				10	00			
Shavelear Miss.....				50	25			
Taylor R.....	5	00	2	00			1	00
Thomas C.....							50	
Thomas Mrs.....				50				
Turnbull John.....	4	00	1	00	4	00	50	
Vivian C.....	15	00	5	00	2	00	1	00
Vivian F.....	1	00	2	00	4	00	50	
Vivian P.....	5	00	2	00	3	00	50	
Waugh Mrs.....	2	50	1	00	1	00	50	
Wesbrook M.....	10	00	5	00	1	00	1	00
Wesbrook A. Jr.....				2	00		50	
Wesbrook Ella.....				1	00	1	00	
Wesbrook Harry.....				1	00		50	
Wesbrook Henry.....				2	00	1	00	50
Wesbrook Albert.....	10	00	3	00	5	00		
Wesbrook Lorne.....	4	00	1	00	2	00	50	
Wesbrook Wallace.....	5	00				50		
Whiting E.....	4	40	2	00		50	75	
Wheeler A.....				50		25	25	
Watson A.....							50	
Whiting Gertie.....						50		
Young Mrs.....	1	00	1	00		25	50	
W. Swear's Card.....						3	00	
R. Rammage's Card.....						1	50	
Total for Oakland	301	03	138	84	96	10	63	35

REPORT

FOR THE

Oakland Circuit

OF THE

Methodist Church

For the Year Ending May 1907.

PASTOR, - REV. E. SHEPPARD.
 REC.-STEWARD, - JOHN R. TAYLOR

LOCAL PREACHERS

James Kettle, G. Crumback, A. Skinner, W. Woltz

CLASS LEADERS

OAKLAND—Isaac Kelly, M. Edy, Joseph Roberts, C. Vivian,
Mr. Barnes, Mrs. C. Vivian, Mrs. J. Roberts.WILSONVILLE—James Kettle, S. B. Nelles, A. Skinner, L.
Lutes, Mrs. L. Lutes, W. Anderson, Mrs. S. B. Nelles,
Mrs. W. Anderson, D. Nelles, Mrs. D. Nelles, J. Strohm,
E. Wilson, J. Welsh, G. Riddle.BEALTON—D. Bradshaw, R. W. Churchill, J. Anderson, A. J.
Smith, Mrs. Hyde.

STEWARDS

OAKLAND—Charles Vivian, J. Roberts, Geo. Crumback.

WILSONVILLE—S. B. Nelles, W. T. Anderson.

BEALTON—A. J. Smith, J. R. Taylor.

TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE

OAKLAND—A. Wesbrook.

WILSONVILLE—D. R. Nelles

BEALTON—E. HYDE.

SABBATH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

OAKLAND—P. M. BUTTON

WILSONVILLE—W. ANDERSON

BEALTON—A. J. SMITH.

SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVE

OAKLAND—T. McEwan, A. Schunk. WILSONVILLE—A. E.
Young, Frank Riddle. BEALTON—W. Slaght, E. Hyde,
W. King.

REV. EDWARD SHEPPARD

The Rev. Edward Sheppard was born in the Township of West Flamboro, County of Wentworth, September 7th, 1869. In early life he was converted to God, and soon after felt his call to the Christian ministry.

His boyhood days were spent on the farm and at school, where he was surrounded by the influences of a devoted home.

At the Niagara Conference of the Methodist Church, he was received as a probationer in 1891 and ordained in 1897. After attending college he labored with great acceptance on the following charges: Walsingham Centre, Niagara St. St. Catharines, Oxford St. Brantford, Courtland, Kelvin, Oakland, Waterford, Simcoe St. Hamilton, Ingersoll, Thorold, James St. Exeter and Lynden Centre.

In 1898 he was united in marriage to Miss Grace Elliott, of Brantford, Ont., who with two sons, and aged mother, one sister and four brothers survive him, to all of whom he has bequeathed a pure life, a stainless character and an unsullied reputation. At the time of his death he held the position through a previous illness of a retired minister.

His last day upon earth March 2nd 1930, was peculiarly pathetic. At the evening service in Wesley Church, Hamilton, where he was a beloved elder, the final call from above came and shortly after, from his own home, he passed to the Upper Room. He was buried at West Flamboro.

Rev. James H. Collins - 1907-1909

Roy McEwan reports:

"Rev. Collins was quite a large man with an abundance of white hair. He was about sixty years old when he came to Oakland from Cainsville. He had a good tenor voice. The Hymn singing never lagged when he sang! The sermons full of meat for the soul were NO fifteen minute sermons ... his wife once chided him for preaching too long, his reply was "If I couldn't preach for half an hour, I would quit preaching". He had a voice that would put one to sleep on a hot summer morning. One Sunday morning there was something in the sermon he wanted them all to hear, so he shouted "Wake up!" ... and of course, they did! His prayers were an inspiration to one. It was said that to miss his prayer, was to miss the whole service.

He had several children. Edith and Clarence came to Oakland with them. Mrs. Collins was his second wife and the relationship with her step-children was just wonderful. Mrs. Collins taught the Young Men's Class in the Sunday School. The boys loved her so much that they had a group picture taken and gave it to her for Christmas.

Edith was a lovely singer and lead the Choir a short time. She worked for the Women's Institute for a number of years. Clarence was about my age and sang in the choir. He was an artist and sometimes when sitting in the choir would draw pictures of those in the front pews. He became a commercial artist.

When the first war broke out he signed up and became a Captain. He married an English girl and on his discharge they moved to Toronto where he died a few years ago.

One day Mr. Collins received word that a daughter in Virginia, USA had died leaving two little girls. He went down and brought the girls home with him. This was hard on him for he was an old man. The Official Board, seeing this, granted him time off. This as far as I know, was the first time that a Minister was granted a vacation. This practice has continued.

Rev. Collins had a fine bay horse fifteen hands high, and he knew how to handle him. He said there was one thing he liked to have was a good horse race ... and I can believe it!"

His obituary in part as taken from the Hamilton Methodist Conference 1912, reads as follows:

JAMES HUBERT COLLINS

James Hubert Collins was born in Devonshire, England, on the 26th of August, 1846, of godly parents. His mother was a gifted woman with a strong character and her son James was dedicated to God from his birth. He early manifested a desire to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. At seven years of age he received a clear and unmistakable call to the Christian ministry, although he did not publicly confess Christ until November, 1859, on the old Darlington Circuit in Zion Church under the ministry of Rev. W. Ogilvie. After teaching school for a short time, he continued his studies at Bowmanville High School and Victoria college and entered the Bible Christian ministry in 1867. His probation in the ministry was spent on the Exeter District, where, under his ministry, hundreds were converted to God. He lived to preach the gospel and longed for the salvation of men.

But he never realized his own ideal of what it meant to be a preacher, but he sought to preach Christ. Brother Collins was ordained in 1872 and was sent to the Prince Edward Island Districts, where he spent ten years of arduous and successful work for the cause of the Master. In the year 1882 our beloved brother returned to Ontario, and was stationed at Emerald St. Church, Hamilton. After the Methodist Union he was stationed at Stoney Creek, Burford, Merritton, Waterdown, Dereham, Ancaster South and Grantham. Cainsville and Oakland. While in Oakland he received a severe fall from which he never fully recovered.

At the Conference of 1910 after forty-two years of strenuous toil, Bro. Collins asked the conference for superannuation. Having partially recovered his health he became official visitor, in connection with the "Boys' Home", at the Delta in Hamilton. While supplying the work at Clifford, on the evening of Wednesday, February 7th, 1912 at sixty-five years of age, he was giving out the familiar hymn "Wonderful Words of Life". Instantly as these words left his lips, his earthly life went out, and "he was not, for God took him". On Thursday, February 8th, a large gathering met at Clifford, where a memorial service was held. On Friday following a large number of his brother ministers, with many Circuit friends, met first at the old Parsonage in Ancaster, where a short service was conducted by the president of the Conference, and Rev. W. J. Smith, Chairman of Hamilton District. The cortege proceeded to what is known as the White Brick Church, two miles out of the village. Rev. A.J. Irwin, President, conducted the service and gave a brief address, in which he expressed the very high esteem in which Mr. Collins was held by the people of Clifford. Rev. R. A. Fracey, pastor of the Ancaster Circuit, and Rev. R.B. Rowe, a personal friend, also gave short addresses. Six of his ministerial comrades bore the body of this faithful soldier of the Cross to his last resting-place, near the Church, and laid it beside that of his first wife, who predeceased him twelve years ago. He leaves to mourn his loss a widow, five sons, and one daughter. His sons are Lucius, Frederick and Hilbert, in the United States, Raymond at Sudbury, Ontario, and Clarence at home. Miss Edith is also at home. Two other daughters had predeceased him.

My Riches

by

Rev. J. B. Collins

Oakland

January 27th. 1910

Report for the Oak- lank Circuit of the Methodist Church for the Year Ending - - May, 1908. - -

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Recording Stewards, { John R. Taylor,
Samuel B. Nelles

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BEALTON—David Bradshaw, Richard W. Churchill, Joseph Anderson, Andrew J. Smith, Mrs. E. Hyde.

STEWAROS

OAKLAND—Charles Vivian, Joseph Roberts, George Crumback.

WILSONVILLE—Samuel B. Nelles, Wilfred T. Anderson.

BEALTON—Andrew J. Smith, Elgin Hyde.

TRUSTREE REPRESENTATIVES

OAKLAND—Abraham Westbrook.

WILSONVILLE—David R. Nelles. BEALTON—Elgin Hyda.

SABBATH SCHOOL SUPERINTENOENTS

OAKLAND—Percy M. Button,

WILSONVILLE—Wilfred T. Anderson,

BEALTON—Andrew J. Smith.

SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVES

OAKLAND—August Schunk, Thomas McEwan.

WILSONVILLE—A. E. Young, Frank Riddle, Leaman Lutes.

BEALTON—William Slaght, Wesley King.

Whiting Edward.....	3 70	2 00	1 00	1 00
Woodward Mrs.....	1 80		50	
Wright Mrs. A.....	1 55		50	
Wright William.....			1 00	
Young Mrs. J.....	1 50			
Young Mr & Mrs. Herbert..			1 00	
Missionary Cards:				
Florence Westbrook's ..			7 70	
Leta Messecar.....			5 88	
Wray Crumback.....			5 06	
Alice Grantham.....			1 54	
Totals.....	302 50	89 75	119 24	40 00

OAKLAND.

NAME	Salary and Current Expenses.	Thank- Offering.	Mission.	Funds
Anders North.....	5 00			
Anders Hoyt.....				50
Baldwin Lewis H.....	7 00	2 00	1 00	50
Baldwin Melvin.....	2 00		25	
Barnes Thomas.....	5 00	1 00		50
Barnes William.....	12 50	1 00	1 00	
Bannister Charles O.....	8 00	2 00	1 00	
Berry William.....		10		
Biggar Mr. and Mrs. George.	8 00	1 00	1 00	
Book Mrs. D.....	1 00			50
Burtch Mrs.....	10 00	2 50	1 00	50
Burtch Earle.....		1 00		25
Button Percy M.....	4 50	2 00	1 00	1 00
Collins Mrs. (Rev.) J. H.....	3 00	5 00	5 00	
Collins Edith.....	8 00		5 00	1 00
Campbell George.....	6 00	2 00	2 00	
Cramer William.....	50		25	
Creighton William.....	8 00	4 00	1 00	1 00
Crumback J. S.....	2 50	2 00		50
Crumback J. M.....	5 00	2 00	2 00	
Crumback George.....	5 00	2 00	2 00	
Collections.....	48 05	2 40	4 16	16 10
Dunnett Mr. and Mrs. Herbert	5 00	2 00	2 00	25
Dunnett Mrs. Ellsworth.....	2 00		50	
Diamond John.....	3 00			50
Duckworth Miss.....	1 00	50		
Duckworth Miss M.....	50		25	
Edy Mahlon.....	2 00		2 00	
Edy E. Maitland.....	2 00	1 00	2 00	50
Edy Luvall.....		1 00		50
Elliott James.....	2 00		25	
Fewings Fred.....				25
Friend a.....	15	25		
Green Eva.....			25	
Grantham George.....	5 00			
Grantham Matthias.....	4 00	2 00	75	50
Grantham Walter.....	2 00	1 00		
Grantham Hiram.....	2 00		50	
Howell Leonard.....		25	50	
Kelly Isaac.....	8 00	4 00	2 00	1 00
Keily J. Wesley.....	5 00	2 00	2 00	1 00
Kelly Bessie.....	6 00	1 00	2 00	1 00
Knox George.....			50	
Lefler Alfred E.....	5 00	1 00		
Lefler Mrs.....	1 50			
Lambden George.....	1 45			50
Lord's Tenth.....	1 25	50		25
Markle Mrs. Lewis.....			25	
McEwan Thomas.....	3 00	1 00	5 00	50
McEwan Herman.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	
McEwan Clarence.....	1 00		50	25
McEwan Orlo.....	1 00		50	
McEwan Frederick.....	50		50	25
McEwan Roy.....			50	25
McIntyre Mr. & Mrs. C.....	3 00		50	
Montgomery Mr. & Mrs. J.....	8 00	2 00	2 00	50
Messecar David.....	2 00	1 00	50	50
Mordue John.....	5 00			
Motley A. H.....			25	
Roberts Joseph Sr.....	10 00	2 00	2 00	50
Roberts Joseph V. Jr.....	2 00			
Roberts Elisha.....	10 00		4 00	1 50
Roberts Belinda.....			50	25
Rammage Alice.....			50	
Rock Mrs. Charles.....			25	
Rock Albert.....			25	
Secord David.....	4 60	2 00	50	50
Secord Mr. & Mrs. Earle.....		1 00	1 00	
Secord Ernest.....		50	1 00	
Schunk August.....	8 00	1 50	2 00	50
Schean Mrs. E.....	5 00	1 00	2 00	
Smith Edward.....		50		50
Stratford Mr. & Mrs. Sylvester	6 00	2 00	1 00	2 00
Stratford Percy.....	50		25	
Stratford Perley.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	
Stratford Elsie.....	1 00	1 00	50	50
Stratford Effie.....	50	1 00	15	25
Stratford Mabel.....		1 00	25	
Swears Maud.....			25	
Taylor Richard.....	10 00			
Turnbull J. T.....			5 00	
Vivian Charles.....	16 00	4 00	3 00	50
Vivian Mr. & Mrs. Payson.....	5 00	3 00	2 00	1 00
Vivian Frederick V.....			2 60	
Waugh Mrs. T.....	2 00	1 00		
Westbrook Mordicai.....	8 00	4 00	1 00	50
Westbrook Wallace H.....	5 00	1 50		
Westbrook C. Henry.....	3 00		2 00	
Westbrook Abraham.....	5 00	1 00	2 00	
Westbrook Albert E.....	10 00	3 00	5 00	50
Westbrook Harry.....	2 00	1 00	1 00	
Westbrook Lorne.....	2 00			
Westbrook Florence.....			25	50
Westbrook Gladys.....			25	50

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Methodist Church
for the year ending, **May, 1910**

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Recording Steward, Samuel B. Nelles

LOCAL PREACHERS

James Kettle, Alexander Skinner, W. A. Woltz and Charles Sidney Lee.

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WILSONVILLE—James Kettle, S. B. Nelles, Alex Skinner, Leaman Lutes, W. T. Anderson, J. Strohm, E. P. Wilson, J. Welsh, G. Riddle, Mrs. W. T. Anderson, Mrs. S. B. Nelles, Mrs. L. Lutes.

BEALTON—Joseph Anderson, Mrs. E. Hyde, David Bradshaw

STEWARDS

OAKLAND—Charles Vivian, Joseph Roberts, G. Crumback.

WILSONVILLE—S. B. Nelles and W. T. Anderson.

BEALTON—Elgin Hyde.

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BEALTON—William Slaght, Wesley King.

D. WILSON MOORE, PRINTER, QUEEN ST., BRANTFORD.

Dixon, Hugh			25
Dunnett, John			50
Dunnett, Mrs. E.	2 00		
Dunnett, Herbert	4 00		2 00
Dunningham, N.			1 00
Duckworth, James	2 00		
Diamond, John	2 00		
Edy, Mahlon	2 00		
Edy, Maitland	7 00	2 00	2 00
Edy, Lavall	2 00		
Evans, David			1 00
Friend, A.		55	
Fewings, Thomas	3 00		50
Forde, Mrs. G.		25	
Godby, Alma			50
Grantham, George	5 00		
Grantham, Matthias	2 00	1 50	
Grantham, Hiram			1 00
Grantham, Walter	2 00		50
Hendershot, Mrs. H.			
Horning, Abram	9 00		5 00
Howell, Leonard	1 00		50
Kelly, Isaac	8 00		2 00
Kelly, Wesley	4 00	2 00	4 00
Kelly, Bessie	6 00		2 00
Knox, Mrs. F.			50
Knox, George			
Knox, Lottie			25
Lefler, E. A.		2 00	
Lefler, Albert	1 00	1 00	1 00
McEwan, Thomas	5 00	1 00	5 00
McEwan, C. Roy			50
McEwan, Fred			50
McEwan, Florence			50
McEwan, Herman	2 00	50	2 00
McEwan, Clarence			
McEwan, Orlo			25
McIntyre, Charles	8 00	1 00	1 00
Messecar, David	2 00		
Messecar, Leta			50
Montgomery, Joseph	10 00	2 00	1 00
Moore, J. N.	8 00	50	1 00
Mordue, John	5 00		50
Plaisted, Charles	4 50	25	25
Proper, Roland			50
Rammage, Alice			50
Roberts, Joseph	12 00	2 00	3 00
Roberts, John	2 00		
Secord, David	4 40	2 00	
Secord, Ernest		1 00	
Secord, Earle			1 00
Secord, Charles			25
Schunk, A.	8 00		2 00
Schunk, James			1 00
Schean, Mrs Elizabeth	5 00	1 00	1 00
Shavalear, Mrs. T.			50
Smith, Mrs. W.			50
Smith, Ellen	1 70		
Stratford, Sylvester	7 00		
Stratford, Perley			50
Vivian, Charles	16 00	2 00	2 00
Vivian, Payson	5 00	2 00	2 00
Wangh, Susan	75		1 00
Weaver, Mrs. A.			50
Westbrook, Mordecai	8 00	5 00	
Westbrook, W. J.	5 00		
Westbrook, Harry	2 00	1 00	1 00
Westbrook, Abram	5 00		
Westbrook, Mrs. A.			50
Westbrook, A. E.	8 00	2 00	5 00
Westbrook, W. Henry	3 00	1 00	
Whitney, Edwald	5 00		
Wilkins, Ralph			50
Woodward, Melville			25
Woltz, W. A.	10 00		5 00
Young, Mrs. J.	1 50		25
Westbrook, Gladys			15 12
Rock, Ada			5 33
Smith, Harold			4 95
Haswell, Percy			2 53
S. S. Coll. for N. H. M.			2 10
Totals	\$370 52	\$52 88	\$123 46

OAKLAND

Subscriber's Names	Minister's Salary	Thank Offering	Missionary Fund
Anders, North	5 00		
Anders, Hoyt			1 00
Anders, Elwood			25
Barnes, Thomas	6 00		2 00
Barnes, William	7 50		
Bannister, C. O.	8 00	1 00	1 00
Biggar, George	7 00		1 00
Baldwin, L. H.	8 75	2 00	1 00
Baldwin, Melvin		1 00	
Button, Percy M.	4 00		1 00
Book, Mrs. D.	1 00		
Burch, Mrs. H.	5 00	1 00	1 00
Collins, Mrs. J. H.	5 00		5 00
Collins, E. M.	5 00		5 00
Collins, C. V.	2 00		50
Campbell, George	4 00		2 00
Craighton, William	8 00	4 00	1 00
Cramer, William			25
Crumback, George	6 00	3 00	2 00
Crumback, M. J.	6 00	2 00	2 00
Collections	65 92	5 33	1 68

Rev. E. William Stafford - 1910-1913

Roy McEwan reports:

"Rev. Stafford married Alma and I on March 20th, 1912 at Fair View Farm in Bealton, the home of Seth and Mercy Bradshaw. He was a very mild man. His sermons and preaching were not outstanding. One said he did not study his sermons enough to make them interesting. But I guess if one listened there was something for the listener.

His wife was a true helpmate for him. Everybody thought a lot of her. She helped the Young People and Children getting up little plays, dialogues, and drills, which helped a lot. They had two children, Dorothy and Gerald. Dorothy became a School Teacher and Gerald became a prominent Dentist in New York.

Rev. Stafford was no horseman, he seemed to be afraid. He would run his horse up the hills to avoid meeting an automobile coming down. But, he never got in trouble as far as I know."

His obituary, as taken from Hamilton Conference minutes 1956, reads as follows:

REV. WILLIAM EDWARD STAFFORD, B.A.

After a prolonged illness, at the age of eighty-five years the Rev. William Edward Stafford passed to eternal happiness at Hamilton, Ontario, February 17, 1956. There he and his wife, formerly Miss Eva Edmunds, had lived in their comfortable home since retiring in 1941.

Survivors are Mrs. Stafford, a son, Dr. Gerald of Scardale, N.Y. and Miss Dorothea, a daughter, of Hamilton.

In memory a brief and appropriate service was held at the Marlatt Funeral Home, Hamilton, conducted and addressed by Dr. E.M. Aitken, Minister of First United Church, assisted by Rev. John Witzel, Chairman of Hamilton Presbytery.

On the day following the body was taken by Motor to the home town of the Staffords at Elora. There an impressive service was held in the Elora Funeral Chapel conducted by Dr. E.M. Aitken. Reference was made to the father, Rev. Charles E. Stafford, who was first of that name locating in Elora 101 years ago, and who served as a successful Methodist Minister in the London, Manitoba and Hamilton Conferences. The father also had two brothers who were Methodist Ministers.

Honorary pall-bearers were six cousins of the deceased.

Rev. W.E. Stafford was recommended for the ministry by the Official Board of Drayton Church and spent forty-four years in the ministry. He served at the following churches: Muncey, Grand Valley, Arkwright, Alma, Toronto S.V.U. 1898-00, St. Catharines, Mildmay, West Lorne, Zion.

And so we can thus write of a well-born, devout and kindly-spirited minister, who served full time and creditably and who was frequently requested during his retirement to help, on special occasions, on fields where he had been stationed when in active service.



(Rev. Stafford came to Oakland from Hickson 1906-09 and moved on to Fonthill 1913-16 then to Brussels, Ruthven, Dorchester 1925-26). Rev and Mrs. Stafford

Rev. Angus Springer - 1913-1917

Roy McEwan reports:

"Rev. Springer was raised in the "society of Friends" faith. (Quaker) After a few years in the ministry of the Friends Church, found the salary too small to live on, and so resigned and joined the Methodist Ministry. He was born and raised on a farm in the Kitchener area.



On July 1, 1913 the Springers with their household goods, six children, a horse and a cow moved from Lyndoch in Norfolk County to Oakland. A short time later the cow got sick and when examined by a veterinarian proved to have T.B. and had to be destroyed. The people of the circuit took a collection and got them a healthy cow.

Vida the oldest and only girl had five brothers, the youngest being about two years old when they came to Oakland. She and her husband now live in Ridgeway. Mrs. Springer was a real mother and raised her family well.

Mr. Springer was a man of strong convictions which got him in trouble at times. However, he was a strong preacher and did a lot of good. The church gained strength during his Ministry.

Mr. Springer was a good horseman. His horses were somewhat smaller than the rest. He traded several times."



Circa 1917

The Rev. Springer, in the back row fourth from the left, is shown with the choir. Roy McEwan is standing on the back row, extreme left.

His obituary, as taken from Hamilton Conference minutes 1939, reads as follows:

ANGUS ROOS SPRINGER

Angus Roos Springer passed from the scene of his earthly labours on Monday, March 20, 1939, at his home in Ridgeway.

Mr. Springer was born on October 31, 1868, in Waterloo County, near Kitchener. His ministry began in the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, being ordained in 1900. In 1907 he was received into the Hamilton Conference of the former Methodist Church, where he served faithfully up to his retirement in June, 1936.

The Charges he served were: Freeport, Kitchener and Shrigley under the United Brethren; and Caistorville, Lyndoch, Oakland, Arthur, Ridgeway, Port Dover, Wiarton, Dracon-Metz and Alma under the former Methodist and United Churches.

In 1899 he married Lucinda Moyer, a very worthy helpmeet through the years. Besides his devoted wife, there remain to mourn his loss: Mrs. Alan Collard (Vida), of Ridgeway, Gerald and Charlie, of Toronto; Ross, of Montreal, Urias, of Waterdown, and John, at home.

On February 9th, 1916, the Rev. Springer officiated at the marriage ceremony of Eva Stratford (1896-1974) and Allen A. Humphrey (1892-1974). The wedding was performed at the bride's farm home, north of the four corners in Oakland.

Funeral services were conducted at Ridgeway on the morning of March 24th by the Chairman of Niagara Presbytery, Rev. A.C. Eddy, assisted by his pastor, Rev. C.L. Poole, Rev. Wm. Fingland, Rev. R.M. Geiger, and Rev. A.R. Johnston; and at Zion by the President of Conference, Rev. W.S. Daniels, assisted by the Chairman of Guelph Presbytery, Rev. C.A. Perkins, Rev. J.W. Oliver, Rev. J.W. Bean, Rev. G.C. Gifford, and Rev. D.R. Gordon.

Springer was a very conscientious and careful minister of the Gospel, expending himself wholeheartedly for the good of the Church he served and loved. After a busy and successful pastorate he retired to settle in Ridgeway, where he found a very happy association with the friends of the community whom he knew so well. His cheerful personality will be greatly missed and his memory will be cherished by all who knew him as a sincere pastor and true friend.

(Rev. Springer served at Lynndoch 1910-12 and moved from Oakland to Arthur 1917-20 then to Ridgeway 1921-24 and on to Pt Dover 1925-26).



The Springer Family
 Rev Springer Gerald Ross
 (holding youngest son) Urias Vida Johnny Mrs. Springer

Rev. James Rodgers
1917-1921



Rev. Rodgers Mrs. Rodgers

Roy McEwan reports:

"Rev. Rodgers, like Mr. Springer, was born and brought up in the "society of Friends" faith. He farmed near Pickering east of Toronto before being ordained into the Ministry. But like Mr. Springer, could not live on the salary he was getting and so joined the Methodist Ministry.

Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Springer just changed places at moving time. Mr. Rodgers came from Arthur near Guelph, and Mr. Springer went to Arthur.

A daughter who came here with them was married in about a year and moved away. One son stayed on the farm at Pickering. Another son, Howard was ordained into the Methodist Church but died the last year they were here.

Mr. Rodgers was possibly the most loved Minister Oakland ever had. I only heard one person say anything against him, and he was not a member.

He said he never preached sermons, he just gave talks. What talks they were! Mrs. Rodgers taught the Ladies Bible Class of the Sunday School while they were here.

Rev. Rodgers drove a good horse, it was a dark bay about 1200 lbs., a cribber."

Rev. George Down - 1921-1925

Roy McEwan reports:

"Rev. Down was born in England and came to Canada as a young man. He worked on a farm in Onondaga Township where he met his wife, Miss Bunill. He studied hard and was ordained into the Methodist Ministry.

He came to Oakland from Cainsville with eight children, three girls and five boys. His wife had died shortly before they came to Oakland. Mrs. Down's sister came with them to get things settled and running well. When she left them, they were on their own. Mary, the oldest daughter proved very efficient and as so often happens in large families, each had their task to do.

The Family has done well. Harry is a High School Principal, Charlie a Dentist, Evelyn a Nurse, and all down the line each has equipped themselves to take their place in society.

Mr. Down had a very husky voice and until you got used to it, it was hard to listen to. But after that you realized that he was giving the very essence of the Gospel. He was always very earnest in his preaching and would sometimes come down from the pulpit and stand close to the people.

He was the last of the Methodist Ministers. Being an Englishman, he did a lot of walking doing many miles on his visiting. Of course he could walk almost as fast as Dolly could trot!

Rev. Down's horse was 'Dolly'. She was not known for her speed. I believe that a young man that could walk fast, could almost keep up to her. But she got Mr. Down there on time just the same.

The Methodist Ministers all drove horses. With the first United Church Minister, came the Automobile."

His obituary in part, as taken from the London Conference minutes 1958, reads as follows:

REV. GEORGE WILLIAM DOWN, B.A., S.T.L., B.D.

Rev. George W. Down, 92 years, died Sunday night August 4th, 1957, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harvey (Mary) Andrews, Huntsville, where he had gone for a visit. He had resided with his son, John E. Down of Stratford, for the past eight years.

Born at Seven Oaks, England, in 1866, son of Geo and Eliza Down, Mr. Down came to Canada in 1888. He attended

McGill University and Wesleyan College, Montreal, graduating with the degree S.T.L. and B.D. He received his B.A. extramurally from Queen's University, Kingston, and in 1893 entered the work of the Methodist Ministry as a student minister at Springford and Fonthill, where he was ordained in 1898. He served at Jarvis, Rockford, Aberfoyle, Erin, Glen Allan, Dobbinton, Smithville, Cainsville, Oakland, Oxford Centre, Rutherford and Corinth. In 1935 he superannuated, retiring in 1937.

In 1898 he married Anne M. Burrill of River Rd., Salt Springs in 1898. She died in 1921 at 48 years of age. Surviving are five sons: George W. Down, Hamilton, Henry J. Down, Kincardine, Dr. Charles Down, Port Dalhousie, John E. Down, Stratford, Cecil E. Down, Sarnia; three daughters: Mrs. H. Andrews (Mary), Mrs. G. Gracey (Edith), Curries, Mrs. LeRoy Siple (Evelyn), Woodstock.

The funeral service was held at Elm Street United Church, on the Cainsville charge, and at the request of the Secretary of Elgin Presbytery, was conducted by Rev. Dr. U. Laite, Minister of Central United Church, Stratford - his pastor - assisted by Rev. Dr. B. J. Warr of St. John's United Church, Stratford. The address was given by Dr. Laite. Interment was at Salt Springs Cemetery and Dr. Laite was assisted by Rev. Stephen J. Pike, the minister of that charge. He is buried at Salt Springs Cemetery, Onondaga Twp.

(Rev. Down was born April 11, 1866 - before coming to Oakland he was at Cainsville 1917-21 and moved from Oakland to Oxford Centre 1925-33, Rutherford 1933-34, Corinth, Port Dalhousie and Stratford 1949-56).

Before entering the ministry Geo. Down operated a tile works at Newport.

The following are personal notes from his biography:

- Sept. 26, 1891; Messrs Down and Hartley are burning another large kiln of tile.
- Oct. 2, 1891; Mr. G. Down was visiting friends at Old Brant on Sunday. Some folks say there is a special attraction that way. Presumably this is a reference to his future wife, Miss Annie Burrill; her brother, Chris, told me, in 1947, that Dad was a probationer at Newport, and used to visit Burrill's on Sundays after service at Salt Springs and before crossing the river and the Indian Reserve to his evening service at Old Brant, walking there and then on to Newport.

- Oct. 7, 1891; We understand that Mr. Down was unable to get as far as Old Brant to conduct his usual service there, owing to the rain, but had to stop on the way, and put in a very pleasant Sabbath evening with friends.
- Oct. 15, 1891; A horse belonging to the Tile Yard Company ran away upsetting the cart on turning a sharp corner, throwing Mr. John Huggins out.
- Nov. 11, 1891; Mr. G. Down was away from his usual place on Sabbath last, called to another field. Mr. W. McIntyre preached at Old Brant on Sunday last.
- Dec. 10, 1891; Very small attendance at Sabbath school, Mr. Down acting as superintendent.
- Dec. 24, 1891; Oaklands news - It was announced here last Sabbath that Mr. Downs of Brant would preach here next Sabbath morning.

Ministers who served the Oakland circuit after the Union of 1925:

Rev. Charles A. Perkins - 1925-27

Hamilton Conference

1917 - Rec'd on trial
 1917-1918 - Tintern, Ont.
 1919 - Wesleyan Theo. College
 1920 - Spec. Ord. Victoria College
 1921 - Wesleyan Theo. College
 1922-1924 - Glenallan, Ont.
 1925-1926 - Oakland, Ont.
 1927-1932 - Port Dover, Grace

Guelph Pres.

1933-1939 - Harriston
 1940-1941 - Elora

Hamilton Pres.

1942-1945 - Hamilton, Calvary

B. of Quinte Conf. Belleville Pres

1946-1949 - Belleville, Holloway St.

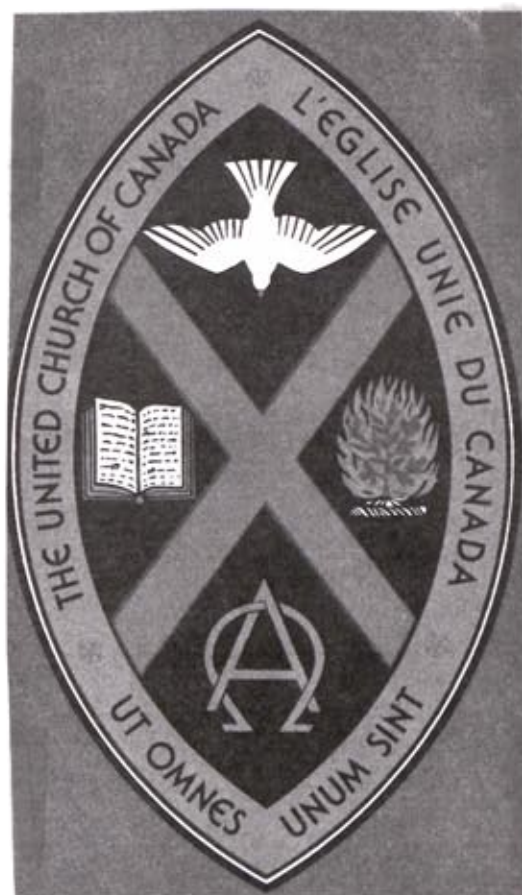
London Conf. Oxford Pres.

1950-1956 - Woodstock, Dundas St.
 1957 - St. Thomas, St. Andrews
 1958 - Retired, Chatham

Kent Pres.

1959-1967 - Ret. Asst. Chatham, Park
 1968-1975 - Retired, Chatham

Rev. Perkins died June 10, 1976



Rev. Hugh Wilson -1927-1935

Shortly before Hugh Wilson arrived, the Clerk of Session approached Scotland United Church about the possibility of joining congregations as an economy measure. These were times of hardship with the depression looming. The negotiations faltered because both churches had parsonages and wished the minister to live in their respective villages.



Oakland Circa 1935

John

Mrs. Laurel Rev. Wilson
(Shaw) Wilson Ruth

A daughter, Ruth, provided the following;

"My father, Hugh Crossley Wilson, was ordained by the Hamilton Conference of the Methodist Church in late May, 1925, and then, of course, on June 10 became an ordained minister of the United Church of Canada. On September 5 of the same year, he married Laurel Shaw and they were settled in Tobermory 1925-27, Oakland Pastoral Charge - 1927-35, Auburn Pastoral (Huron County) - 1935-42, Brussels Pastoral - 1942-49, Clinton Pastoral (Wesley-Willis) - 1949-57, Thames Road - 1957-65.

Upon retirement, my parents lived in Exeter until 1982 when they moved to a seniors' residence in Mitchell, Ont. where my father died August 11, 1983. Mother died December 10, 1989 at the Exeter Villa.

Family:

1. Ruth Mary (Mrs. Donald A. Deas) 173 Canada St., Hamilton, married the Rev. Donald A. Deas, now retired from active ministry of the United Church of Canada. Children: Neil, Laurel, Margaret, Catherine, Jeffrey.
2. John Hugh Wilson and wife Diane, 15915 - 78th Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta. Twenty years service with the R.C.M.P., and just completing twenty years service with the Government of Alberta, currently in the Ministry of the Environment. Children: Michael, Craig, Susan."

Ruth Deas provided the following anecdote:

"The depression years were difficult for many people. At the January, 1930 annual congregational

meeting, the decision to reduce my father's salary had to be made and, of course, he was terribly worried about caring for his family. However, the kindness of the people who kept sharing their farm produce so generously throughout those lean years, was never forgotten."

Dr. William John Mortimore - 1935-1938



Taken from Life Sketches of the Missionaries

REV. W. J. MORTIMORE, B.A., AND MRS. MORTIMORE

Penghsien, Szechwan, China

Mr. Mortimore is a Western Ontario boy. He was born in Exeter, but the family home is now in London, where his mother still lives. He took his preparatory work at London Collegiate Institute and later entered Victoria College.

In 1902, when Mr. Hartwell was about to return to China, the Senate of the College granted Mr. Mortimore a special examination, so that he might accompany Mr. Hartwell without losing the opportunity of securing his degree.

During his service in China Mr. Mortimore has given himself almost entirely to evangelistic work. He has made long itinerating trips, especially in the new district about Chungking which our Mission took over from the London Missionary Society in 1910. He has a splendid grasp of the Chinese language, both spoken and written, and he has been assigned to the work of translation. In addition to his other duties he has been acting Secretary-Treasurer of the Mission for the past year.

In all his efforts, Mr. Mortimore has been ably seconded by his wife, who as Dr. Mabel Cassidy was sent to China by the W.M.S. Mrs. Mortimore was the daughter of missionaries and received her primary education at the C.I.M. School, Chefoo, from which she obtained her matriculation in the University of London, Eng. Later she graduated from the Women's Medical College, Toronto. She has been most successful in her work among Chinese women.

His obituary is taken from United Church records, Toronto Conference, 1973:

REV. WILLIAM J. MORTIMORE

William John Mortimore was born in Exeter, Ontario, on October 8, 1876. Graduating from Victoria College, he was ordained by the London Conference of the Methodist Church in 1902.

He volunteered with several other young men in response to an appeal from the Foreign Missions Board to establish work in eight walled cities in West China. After the necessary period of language study, he was appointed to evangelistic work living in Kiating, where work had previously been established. His fluency of language and knowledge of the literature served him well in later years when dealing with merchants and officials. Besides Kiating, he also served in Penghsien and Chungchow areas between 1902 and 1920. From about 1920 he was the Secretary-Treasurer of the West China Mission and lived most of that time in Chengtu. In 1927 with four other Canadian Missionaries, he remained behind in Chengtu when anti-foreign feeling again broke across the land and missionaries as well as doctors were evacuated to safety to down river ports. Returning to Canada in the fall of 1928, honoured by a Doctorate in Divinity by his college, he accepted pastoral charges in Auburn and Oakland. Then in 1938 following semi-retirement, he assisted in St. Clair United, Toronto and in Erskine United and Victoria Hospital in London until his full retirement in 1953.

The remaining years of his life were spent in various senior citizen residences where he continued a faithful though less formal pastorate to those around him. In the summer of 1972 he was admitted to Riverdale Hospital. In spite of a broken hip and brief period of sickness, he remained in general good health and his usual bright spirits. He died quietly in his sleep on November 12, 1972. Funeral services were conducted on November 14 and after cremation his ashes were interred in the family plot in London.

He was predeceased by his wife, the former Dr. Mabel Cassidy whom he married in 1905 in Chengtu, West China, and by his sons Frank, Gordon and Ralph. The last two died in China as children. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Harold Craigh (Marion) and a son, Arthur, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren, all of Toronto.

(Rev. Mortimore came to Oakland from Auburn (Huron) 1930-35 and moved on to Toronto Centre Presbytery).

Rev. James Would - 1938-1949



From Life Sketches of the Missionaries:

REV. JAMES M. WOULD AND MRS. WOULD

Luchow, Szechwan, China

Mr. Would was born in England but some years ago came to Canada and began work as a probationer in the Saskatchewan Conference. He took his theological training in Wesley College, Winnipeg, and was appointed to West China in 1912, sailing early in 1913.

Mr. Would spent his entire first term at Luchow, first as a language student and later as an evangelistic worker. He had charge of work in the city, and also made itinerating trips to the outstations of his district.

Mr. Would was married in 1912 to Miss Florence S. McGhee, whose home is at Wilkesport, Ontario. Mrs. Would was a teacher, and her training is invaluable to her as a worker among Chinese women. There are two children, Kathleen, five years old; and Reginald, nearly three.

Mr. and Mrs. Would are supported by the Young People's Societies and Sunday Schools of Arcola, Oxbow, Weyburn and Shaunavon Districts.

From minutes of the Board of Foreign Missions, April 1928:

REV. J. M. WOULD

The Board wishes to express its sense of loss in the resignation of Rev. J. M. Would from the West China Mission. Mr. Would has given two terms of faithful and strenuous service in China. His particular sphere was pastoral work in which he was a distinct success. His natural ability as a speaker, coupled with his excellent command of the Chinese language and a sympathetic

understanding of the people, made him an exceptionally strong and persuasive speaker. Mr. and Mrs. Would gave most of their services to Luchow, a city probably more troubled with fighting between rival armies than any other place in Szechuan. Hence but few of our missionaries have undergone such frequent and severe nervous strain as Mr. and Mrs. Would have had to meet. Nevertheless, Mr. and Mrs. Would not only endured it all patiently, but with a quiet cheerfulness that won the admiration of all. Their inability to return to China is deeply regretted by the Board. We most sincerely wish them the highest success in their work in Canada.

His obituary, as taken from the Hamilton Conference minutes 1967, reads as follows:

THE REVEREND JAMES M. WOULD, B.A.

The Rev. James M. Would died on November 18th, 1966, at St. Catharines, Ontario.

Born in Sturton, England, in 1886, he was ordained to the ministry in 1912. Thereafter, he was a missionary for the Methodist Church in Luchow, Szechuan, West China.

Returning to Canada in 1927, he was minister in churches at Simpson, Qu'Appelle and Avonlea in Saskatchewan until 1938.

That year he moved east, serving the Oakland charge until 1949. His next and last pastorate was the former Grantham-Louth charge, St. Catharines, in Niagara Presbytery.

He retired in 1957, continuing to reside in St. Catharines until his passing.

Besides his devotion to his Church, he was interested in the Masonic Order, being a member of Scotland Lodge.

He is survived by his wife Florence McGhee, a son Reginald, and a daughter Kathleen, five grandchildren and a sister in England.

The funeral service was held in St. Catharines, conducted by Dr. Bruce Gordon, Welland Ave. Church. The Chairman of Niagara Presbytery, the Rev. T. M. Rutherford, Niagara Falls, assisted. The Rev. W. G. Davis, Grantham Church, also took part in the service. Burial was in the Maple Lawn Cemetery, Louth United Church, adjacent to the city of St. Catharines.

Jim Would was born on August 23, 1880, son of Thomas and Susan Would, farmers in Lincolnshire. He started preaching at eighteen years of age in his home in the Sturton Wesleyan Methodist Church and branched out to other churches in that area of Lincolnshire and Derbyshire. His employment then was farming and working in the coal fields. He migrated to Western Canada in 1905 as a probationer for the Methodist Church of Canada. He continued to study at Winnipeg's United College and later received a B.D. from Central University, Indianapolis. His first three churches were east of Regina at Simpson, Qu'Appelle and Avonlea 1934-37.

His biography reads as follows regarding his Western Canada service:

"Those years on the prairies were happy ones for the former Lincolnshire farm boy.

He would preach three times every Sunday, riding on horseback the 36 miles it took him to cover his circuit. In winter he would make the trip by sleigh but when summer came he would follow the trails and footpaths on horseback, leaving his home late on Saturday, spending the night in a village ten miles away, preaching there the following morning, riding eight miles to his next charge where he would preach his second Sunday sermon, and then returning 18 miles to his home, where he would hold his third Sunday service in the evening.



Rev. Jim Would

"I was as happy as a king on the prairies," he recalled."

On leaving Oakland, he was called to the Louth and Grantham charge in St. Catharines district. He retired in 1952 after 55 years in the ministry.

His Trustee Board was made up of such well known Township residents as Joseph Roberts, Percy M. Button, E. Maitland Edy, Payson Vivian, J. Wesley Kelly, J. Merritt Crumback, Henry Westbrook, Percy Stratford, Roy McEwan, Chas McIntyre, Gordon Bonham, Kenneth Barnes, Bruce Campbell, Howard Westbrook and Stewart Macaulay.

1938

WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
Balance from 1937	\$372.88	Music	\$ 15.50
Fees	4.90	Flowers	30.25
Teas	11.91	Parsonage Account	70.00
Quilting	2.00	Garden Party Expense	238.34
Refund for Matting	2.18	M. & M.	5.00
Garden Party	356.76	Matting	19.88
Rev. J. M. Would	65.00	Communion Service	9.34
Thankoffering	31.00	Wood	3.00
Bank Interest	3.55	Loaned Rev. J. M. Would	104.60
		Loaned Church	50.00
		Postage	1.28
		Balance	198.99
	\$850.18		\$850.18

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Total Receipts	\$67.39	Total Expenses	\$ 4.09
		Sent to Presbytrial	63.30
	\$67.39		\$67.39

YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
Balance from 1937	\$11.83	M. & M.	\$22.00
Receipts	31.95	Sundries	18.58
		Balance	3.20
	\$43.78		\$43.78

MISSIONARY AND MAINTENANCE FUND

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
M. & M. Envelopes	\$123.85	Remitted to Treasurer	\$214.55
M. & M. Contributions	16.50	Church Emergency	
S. S. Rally	6.00	Relief Fund	8.25
Sunday School	10.00	Balance	1.85
Women's Association	25.00		
Church Emerg. Fund	8.25		
M. & M. Fellowship C.	12.80		
	\$202.40		\$224.65

OAKLAND CHURCH PARSONAGE ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
Balance on hand	\$31.05	Telephone	\$21.65
Rec'd from Oakland	75.05	Taxes	52.64
Rec'd from Wilsonville	71.00	Dr. Mortimer's Account	10.00
Rec'd from Bealton	55.00	Trimming Trees	3.00
Deficit	.59	Repairs	17.90
Borrowed from		Fire Insurance	33.50
Oakland W. A.	50.00	Outstanding Account	3.50
Outstanding Account	3.59		
	\$286.28		\$286.28

SENIOR LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

Sent to Leper Mission \$10.00 British and Foreign Bible Soc. \$12.00

TRUSTEE BOARD

Balance on Bank Jan. 1, 1938	\$264.82
Interest	4.97
	\$269.79

OAKLAND CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
Jan. Jan. 1, 1938	\$ 71.57	Minister's Salary	\$518.04
Church Maintenance	585.40	Sexton's Salary	100.00
Silver Collections	85.19	Sundry Expenses	190.74
Special Offerings	197.50	Bank Balance	132.43
Bank Interest	1.55		
	\$941.21		\$941.21

SUNDAY SCHOOL

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
Bal. Jan. 1, 1938	\$ 18.09	Supplies	\$169.30
Collections for Year	202.78	M. & M.	15.65
Proceeds from Christmas Concert	32.50	Camp Expense	16.00
		Sundries	43.91
		Bank Balance	8.51
	\$253.37		\$253.37

MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL BOARD

Recording Steward - - - Mr. J. M. Crumback
Pastor - - - - - Rev. J. M. Would

LAY PREACHERS

P. M. Button, Henry Adams, W. F. Young, P. Shuttleworth,
W. Woolley, Elmo Riddle, C. C. Kettle, Roy McEwan.

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Term expiring: 1942	1941	1940
OAKLAND —		
J. M. Crumback	Roy McEwan	Mrs. L. Campbell
Sylvester Stratford	Percy Stratford	Mrs. J. M. Crumback
P. M. Button	J. W. Kelly	Mrs. J. W. Kelly
..... Smith	Jos. Roberts	Mrs. C. H. Westbrook
WILSONVILLE —		
Mrs. W. T. Anderson	W. E. Smith	Mrs. A. E. Young
C. C. Kettle	H. Adams	W. Woolley
A. E. Young	E. T. Anderson	W. R. Anderson
Elmo Riddle	Chas. Welsh	Mrs. F. Riddle
BEALTON —		
W. F. Young	John Townsend	Ivan Pottard
J. W. Anderson	John Hyde	Geo. Townsend
Leonard Norrie	Jas. Learmouth	Mrs. G. Townsend

STEWARDS

Term expiring: 1942	1941	1940
OAKLAND —		
Howard Edy	C. W. Cox	Alam Barnes
C. P. Vivian	C. H. Westbrook	Lloyd Vivian
Lyte McEwan	Kenneth Barnes	Leaman Welsh
WILSONVILLE —		
Wallace Welsh	Elmo Riddle	Lewis Riddle
Geo. Hiltborn	E. T. Anderson	Percy Stratford
BEALTON —		
Lloyd Courtneage	Alex. Jaffray	Albert Hyde
Leon Welsh	Roy Bradshaw	John Townsend

PRESIDENTS OF SOCIETIES

Women's Missionary Society—
Oakland—Mrs. A. Daudiaghman; Wilsonville—Mrs. W. Welsh.
Women's Association—
Oakland—Mrs. H. Edy; Bealton—Mrs. L. Welsh.
Young People's Unions—
Wilsonville—Dorothy Anderson; Bealton—J. Young.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS
AND ASSISTANTS

Oakland—Howard Westbrook, J. Learmouth
Wilsonville—Walfred Woolley, E. T. Anderson
Bealton—Lloyd Courtneage, Walfred Anderson

M. and M. TREASURERS

Oakland—J. S. Macadey. Wilsonville—W. R. Anderson.
Bealton—Leon Welsh.
General M. & M. Treasurer for the Charge—W. R. Anderson.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TRUSTEE BOARDS
ON THE OFFICIAL BOARD

Oakland—E. M. Edy. Wilsonville—Archie Welsh.
Bealton—(To be appointed).

In Memoriam

WILLIARD J. HALL
GERTRUDE McINTYRE
LEONARD NORRIE
MATTHIAS GRANTHAM
JOS. CARPENTER
MRS. MARIA GRANTHAM
ELIZABETH B. EADIE
MRS. EMMA WILLIAMS
JOSEPH H. MONTGOMERY
EPHRAIM WALKER
MISS ELLEN SMITH
LYMAN SMITH
MRS. GEO. BANNISTER
MRS. JOS. VINCE
DAVID SWIFT

Rev. Harry J. Herlihey
1949 - 1952



Rev. Harry Herlihey

His autobiography reads as follows:

"I was born in the village of Kinmount, Ontario, in the Haliburton area in 1917, son of Frank and Jean Herlihey. My secondary education was received at Lindsay Collegiate, and Albert College in Belleville. I am a graduate of the University of Western Ontario, London, in General Arts, and Emmanuel College for my theological degree, graduating from there in 1947.

Following graduation I was ordained by the Bay of Quinte Conference of the United Church of Canada. After ordination, I married Velma Hamilton of Toronto, and we were posted by the Church's Board of Home Missions to the Arden/Mountain Grove pastoral charge north of Kingston. We served there for two years and then in 1949, received a call to the Oakland, Bealton, Wilsonville charge, where we spent three years. During our second year at Oakland, our only child, Maralee Ruth, was born. We will never forget the kindness and generosity of our fine church people at that time. It is a coincidence, I believe, that only two babies have been born to parents occupying the Oakland manse - the other being Ruth Wilson, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Hugh Wilson.

In 1952 we accepted a call to St. Paul's United Church in Preston (now Cambridge), Ontario. During the seven years we served there, a new manse was built and the church sanctuary was enlarged to double its' seating capacity and a new organ installed. From 1959 - 1968, we served nine enjoyable years at Trinity United Church in Grimsby, Ontario. This was a much larger congregation with extensive Christian Education facilities. These provided the opportunity for establishing a strong youth

programme which has always been a main thrust in our entire ministry. From Grimsby, we moved to Melville United Church, Fergus, where we ministered for eight years in a beautiful old church building which was steeped in historical background. In 1976, we were called to Delta United Church in Hamilton, where we spent six and a half years prior to retirement in July, 1982. These years were most happy among a people that knew no limits to commitment.

Following retirement, we moved to Kitchener, to be near our daughter and her infant son. Shortly after retirement, I was asked by our former St. Paul's Church in Cambridge to supply for a year and a half, and I have also served five years as Visiting Assistant at Trinity United Church in Kitchener, retiring for the third and final time in December, 1990.

We look back on our forty-two years in the active work, thankful not only for our wonderful pastorates but for the opportunities they presented us to serve."

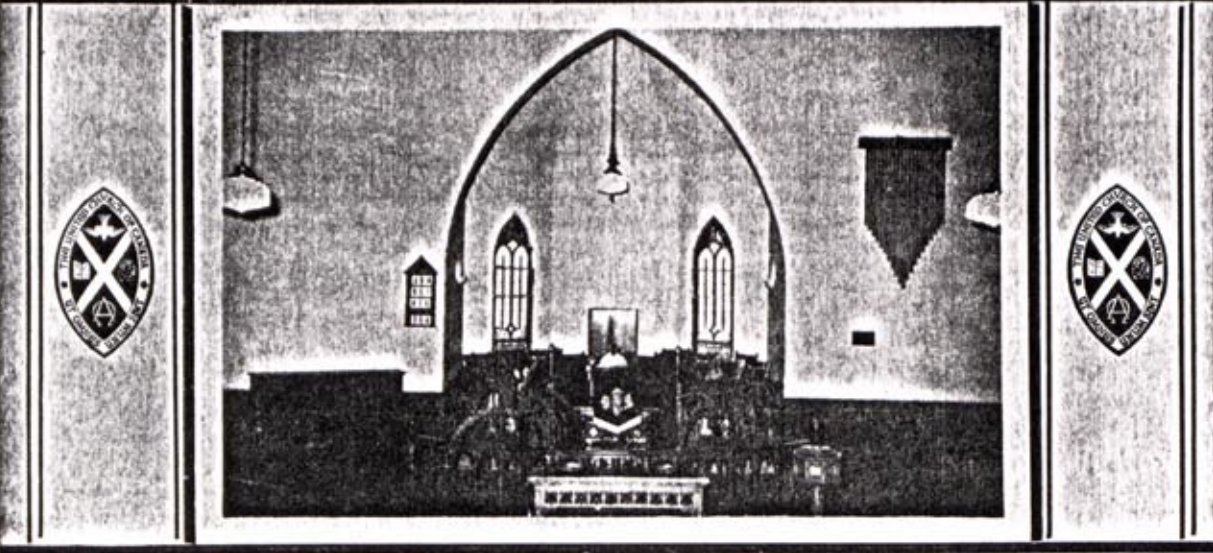
signed:

Harry Herlihey
7 Hickory Hollow Cres.,
Kitchener, Ontario
June 12, 1992

It was in 1952 that Oakland Township celebrated its centennial. The Reverend Herlihey was present during the celebrations and offered a prayer of dedication during the official opening of Memorial Hall (formerly the COF Hall).



Rev and Mrs. Herlihey
with their daughter Maralee

Oakland United Church						
OAKLAND			*	ONTARIO		
						
COMPILED BY EVENING AUXILIARY						
1952		JANUARY			1952	
SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
		1 Maralee Herlihey Frank Flanders	2 Mrs. George Knox	3 Paul Grummett	4	5 Harry Bowen Mary Allan Ronald McFarlane
6 Mrs. Blake Lefler Goldie Smith	7 Barbara Chandler	8 James McFarlane	9	10 Mrs. Harold Stratford Marion Parker	11 Cecelia Lefler Mervin Westbrook	12 Mildred Shaw Margaret Houghton Kenneth Reavely
13 Gay Anderson Mrs. W. Schaeffer	14 Evan Cross Alice Jean Nevin	15 Stewart Henry Robert Herlihey Walter Orchard	16 Mrs. C. Weidrick Betty Speechley	17 Mrs. G. Baker	18 Rev. Grummett Bruce Shellard	19 Helen Vivian Fern Young Mabel Porteous
20 Omer Rammage Mary Rammage Mae Martin Marjorie Clarke	21	22	23	24 Mr. Ken Smith Ina Kellam Lula Carpenter	25 Mrs. David Secord	26 Keith Henry Mary Whiting
27 Brian Knott Mrs. S. Mordue Lillian Shaw Patricia Bowen	28	29 Thomas Arthur Agnes Davis Ruth Allison David Chandler	30	31 Norma Allan		

Rev. Preston C. Brown BA - 1952 - 1957



His autobiography:

Born June 14th 1903 at Millbrook Ontario - oldest son of Fred Brown and Martha Hanna.

In August 1924, I still had three subjects to write off to complete my matriculation. But the urgent call for Ministers and Students to fill pulpit vacancies in the West appealed to me, and I needed money to continue my studies. I offered myself to the Mission Board of the Methodist Church for an appointment to a western field. On the 24th of August 1924 I received an appointment to my first field, at Hughenden, Alberta, in what became later Camrose Presbytery, where I worked until June 1925.

In April 1925 I was recommended by Hughenden (Hardisty District) in the Methodist Church as a Probationer. In June I attended the Methodist Conference in Edmonton, where I was accepted as a Probationer in the Methodist Church, during the morning session. By afternoon that day the Methodist Church had become part of the United Church of Canada, in which I was accepted as a candidate for the ministry.

*Hughenden, Alta., Hardisty District - Aug.24 - June 25
Round Hill, Alta., Camrose Presbytery - June 25 - Sept.25*

Entered ALBERT COLLEGE, Belleville, Ontario October 1925 to finish High School. Summer months were spent on Mission Fields in the West, while working towards a

University degree in Arts and Theology. Those areas are as follows:

Radway Centre WMS Mission, Waskatineau, Alta
 St. Paul's Presbytery - June 26 - Oct.26
 Goldenrod, Calgary Presbytery, Alta - May 27 - Oct.27
 Gladmar, Sask., Weyburn Pres'y - May 28 - Oct.28
 Bow Island, Alta., Medicine Hat Pres'y - May 29 - Oct.29
 Grimshaw, Alta., Peace River Pres'y - May 30 - Oct.31
 Fort McMurray, Alta., Edmonton Pres'y - May 31 - Oct.31
 Clear Lake, Man., Birtle Pres'y - May 32 - Oct.32
 Dauphin South, Man., Dauphin Pres'y - May 33 - Oct.33
 Auburndale, Alta., Vermilion Pres'y - May 34 - Oct.34

Received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Victoria College in the University of Toronto, and graduated from Emmanuel College in 1935.

In June 1935 also, I was ordained by the Bay of Quinte Conference at St. Andrew's Church in Peterborough, Ontario.

Places served after ordination:

Calabogie, Ont. Renfrew Pres'y - June 35 - June 38
 Inverary, Ont. Kingston Pres'y - June 38 - June 40

Married in 1940 to Bertha Clark of Sydenham, Ont.

Cambray, Ont., Lindsay Pres'y - June 40 - June 44
 Camborne, Ont., Cobourg Pres'y - July 44 - June 52
 Oakland, Ont., Brantford Pres'y - July 52 - June 57
 Cainsville, Ont., Brantford Pres'y - July 57 - Apr.65
 Chairman - Brantford Pres'y - 1958/59
 Oakwood, Ont., Lindsay Pres'y - Apr.65 - June 71

Retired June 1971 - living in Port Perry, Ontario

Scugog Island, (Port Perry)

Visiting Minister & retired assistant June 71 - Sept.73

First wife died February 1972, remarried to Queena Leavens 1973, moved to Belleville, Ontario.

Westminster U.C.
 Belleville, Ontario
 Belleville Pres'y,
 retired voluntary
 associate and Pastor
 Emeritus Oct. 73



Mrs. Alice Dunningham Rev P.C. Brown Mrs. A. Knox

(A service of dedication on completion of the revised standard version of the Bible.)

NOTE: Rev. P.C. Brown died in 1986



June 1961 - Cainsville

Seated Reverend Preston C. Brown with Mrs. Brown sitting on the arm of the easy chair. Rev. Brown served a three-point charge after leaving Oakland - Elm Avenue United, Cainsville and Langford. The congregation at Elm Avenue could not support a minister and closed. Before relinquishing Elm Avenue, the Rev. Brown was presented the easy chair he is sitting in and Mrs. Brown a piece of Doulton china.

Rev. Graydon O. Cox - 1957 - 1963

After graduation the Rev. Cox served at Coniston; WWII Chaplain with N.S. Highlanders; Fonthill; Oakland; Dresden; Paisley where he retired. He died in 1983. Rev. Cox and his wife Kathleen Terriff were the parents of two daughters, Donna and Ruth Ann, the latter living at Lac La Biche, Alberta.



Rev. and Mrs. Cox

COX; Rev. Graydon (Retired United Church Minister) — At the Norfolk General Hospital, Simcoe, on Wednesday, August 17, 1983. Rev. Graydon Cox of Orchard Crescent, Watford, in his 80th year; beloved husband of the late Kathleen Terriff; dear father of Donna (Mrs. William Langton), Trenton; Miss Ruthanne Cox of Brandon, Manitoba; brother of Peard, Farmington, Michigan; Earl, Downsview; also survived by grandchildren, Richard, Cathy and Jeff.



Circa 1958

Stewart Macaulay Rev. Graydon O. Cox
minister 1957 to 1963

Rev. Jean C. Donaldson - 1964 - 1972

Rev. Donaldson moved to
Cambridge, Ontario.

She passed away on May 10th,
1993.



Rev. James
Mutchmor
(Moderator)

Rev. Jean
Donaldson

Rev. J. Kris Jensen - 1972 - 1975



1973

Rev. and Mrs. Jensen



Rev. Jensen

After leaving Oakland, the Rev. Jensen moved West. He served his church at Penticton, Victoria and in 1992 serves at Pleasant View United in Edmonton.

Rev. Tom Lanceley - 1975 - 1982

His autobiography:

Born in Millgrove, Ontario (about seven miles north of Hamilton) May 8, 1922. Married to Phyllis Mary Flatt, of the same area where I was born - August 29, 1957. Took my B.A. from McMaster, Hamilton after being in Hamilton offices and factories a few years. Took my theology at Emmanuel, Toronto, with B.D. Also attended for a few months Park Business College in Hamilton. Ordained in Westdale United Church, Hamilton, on May 28, 1952. Since ordination:



Strasbourg, Sask., 1952 - 55; Belmont Avenue, Victoria, 1955-59; South Buxton, Kent county, Ontario, 1959-66; Inwood, Lambton county, 1966-69; Highgate, Kent county, 1969-71; Ivan, Middlesex county, 1971-75; Oakland, 1975-82; Athens, 1982-87.

signed: Tom Lanceloy
1800 Chandler Ave.
Victoria, B.C.
27 May 1992

Rev. Murray Campbell - 1982-1988

Ordained in 1966 he served in the Townsend charge at Mount Zion, Salem and Rockford before coming to Oakland in 1982.

He moved on to Sharbot Lake and Highgate, a three point charge.



Rev. Murray Campbell, B.A.;B.D.

Rev. Eleanor Russ - part time from September 1988 to November 1989.

Rev. Consorcio E. Estoesta- January 1990 - he came from Manila, Phillipines.

Known as Con, Mr. Estoesta left the Philippines in November 1989, two days before his country's government was nearly overthrown.

Con was ordained in the United Church of Christ in 1971, a church similar in its ideology to the United Church of Canada. He has a brother in Sarnia and a sister living in Mississauga.



Rev. C.E. Estoesta

The following talented people, among others, have filled the positions of organist and choir leader:

- (a) Stephen Vivian (1827-1885)
Stephen was a carpenter and millwright in the village. He married Eliza Waugh (1827-1908) who had several brothers in Oakland. Stephen built a frame house at the four corners. There were several Vivian children: Robelle, Edgar, Beatrice, Franklin, Julia who married Tom McEwan (a farmer, later the Postmaster at Oakland also Sunday School Superintendent), Ellen and Charles.
- (b) Mary "Minnie" McEwan (Mrs. Merritt Crumback) (1872-1955)
She was appointed organist and leader of the choir in 1890, at age eighteen and continued to fill the two positions until 1938, over forty-eight continuous years. Her husband Merritt, had musical talent as well.
- (c) Mrs. Payson Vivian (1879-1952)
Choir leader, teacher and President of the Women's Association.
- (d) Elsie Stratford (1890-1965)
At sixteen years of age she served, on occasions, as organist. Elsie married Lloyd Bowen and lived in retirement at Oakland until her death in 1965.



Minnie McEwan
Crumback



Elsie Stratford
Bowen

- (e) Roma Wilson (Mrs. Orval Westbrook)
(1904-)
Roma has taught piano lessons for over seventy years, at times she had forty pupils. She was honoured in 1989 on the occasion of her eighty-fifth birthday at a special gathering in the United Church auditorium at Waterford. Her husband, Orval son of Henry, was a farmer near Wilsonville and died in 1986. They had four sons (Leslie, Mervyn, Ron, Edward).



Roma Westbrook
Circa 1989

- (f) Roy McEwan (1889-1971)
Roy held many positions in the church including that of choir leader.
- (g) Florence Edna Stratford (1911-) (Mrs. Allan W. Crumback)
Edna took her music teacher training in Brantford under Lorraine Hutchinson, her cousin once removed, and then went to Hamilton for further study. She received her High School education at Scotland Continuation School, driving a pony and cart to school, with Evelyn Dunningham as a passenger. She married Allan Crumback (1901-1982), a widower. Florence lives in retirement at Penticton, B.C.
- (h) Beulah Smith Learmouth, daughter of Ken and Rose Smith, married Jack Learmouth. Both have been active in church affairs.

Over the years, many families too numerous to mention have made their respective commitments to the life of Oakland church. The 1919 annual report provided you with a list of the membership and the Official Board of that day. Many of the names are still familiar because of the continuity of families who are still active at Oakland. The names Westbrook (Westbrook, Westbrooke) Waugh, Smith, Baldwin, Mills, Vivian, Kelly, Burtch, Crumback, Tottle, McIntyre, Campbell, Button, Biggar, Dunnett, Edy, Grantham, Secord and Stratford are all familiar. One family that can trace its roots to the original Wesleyan church is the McEwans. Their association with church life was intense and enduring. Florence Vivian McEwan Eddy a featured singer, organist, music teacher and author of a moving chronicle "the way it was" has highlighted her forefathers' close association in religious affairs. Her paternal grandparents Thomas McEwan (died 1888 at 78 yrs) and Charity Smith (died 1918 at 80 yrs), her great grandparents Louis and Susan Smith, her parents Tom McEwan (died 1941) and Julia Vivian (died 1929), her maternal grandparents Stephen Vivian (died 1885) and Eliza Waugh, her aunts and uncles and other families connected by marriage all played significant leadership roles over the century of Oakland church life, often filling two seats in the sanctuary. Her uncle Albert McEwan frequently took the sermon, substituting for the Reverend Webb. Her aunt Minnie served as organist and

choir leader for over forty years. Her brother, Roy McEwan, was a tower of strength in the church followed by his daughter, Jean. Truly a significant contribution by one family although other families whose attachment to the church has not been as clearly documented undoubtedly made a similar bestowal.

**FIVE GENERATIONS OF LEADERSHIP AT THE OAKLAND
METHODIST AND UNITED CHURCH**

Mrs. Susan Smith



Susan Binkley Smith
1816-1888

Died at her home in Oakland on the evening of May 6th, 1888 in her 72nd year. Her maiden name was Susan Binkley. She was born in Ancaster Twp on December 23, 1816 and married Louis Smith in February 1835 who preceded her to the spirit on September 4, 1847 at 33 years of age. To them were born six daughters, five still living. Mrs. Smith was converted to God over 45 years ago, in the old school house in Oakland and as such was one of the first Methodists in this place. No hand has been more liberal in giving to all good causes than hers. In her the poor always found a warm friend and a liberal hand. On the day of her death she attended the Quarterly Meeting services at the Wilsonville appointment and was the first to rise and kneel at the altar to partake of sacrament. In the evening she attended her own church in Oakland and had only just arrived when a strange feeling of suffocation came over her. Mrs.

Smith was immediately conveyed to her home, and walked in from the conveyance with but little assistance; but she had come home to die, as her spirit took to flight almost immediately upon her arrival. It did not seem like death, as there was no preceding sickness, and apparently but little pain. Her Christian life was plentiful to be recorded. It will live in memory where by many it will be loudly cherished. Our sister had long been to all who knew her a Christian example, an earthly guide. The interment took place on Tuesday, May 8th, in the Oakland cemetery. Appropriate services were conducted by the writer preaching from Exodus xxxiv, to a large gathering of friends and relatives. Her daughters are all longtime members of the Methodist Church. May the Lord comfort their hearts in the hour of bereavement.

(this obituary was written by the Reverend James Foote, pastor at Oakland from 1887 to 1891 - he died at Drayton Ontario July 16th, 1921).



Charity Smith McEwan
1837-1918



Thomas McEwan Sr.
1810-1888



The McEwan family Circa 1880

Albert	William	Susan	
1869-1938	1857-1900	1859-1950	
Thomas	Thomas Sr.	Charity	John
1863-1941	1810-1888	(Smith)	1866-1927
Charity (Maggie)		1837-1918	Mary (Minnie)
1876-1955			1872-1955



Alma Bradshaw
1888-1975

Roy McEwan
1889-1971
(son of Thomas McEwan
Jr. and Julia Vivian)



Orena Jean
1916-

Several generations of Westbrooks (Wesbrooks) attended church at Oakland. Commencing with Haggai Westbrook (1775-1824) one of the first settlers in Oakland, followed by his son Mordecai Sr (1800-1883) and Mary Ann Shaver (1806-1847) his wife, followed by their sons Mordecai Jr (1840-1913) and Abraham (1844-1910), followed by their respective children and two or three generations thereafter. Next to the Malcolm family, in the nineteenth century, the Westbrooks (Wesbrooks) were probably the most populous in the Township.

Methodist Church

For the Year Ending May 1907.

PASTOR, - REV. E. SHEPPARD
REC-STEWARD, - JOHN R. TAYLOR

Wesbrook Mrs. A.....				25	
Wesbrook Albert	5 00	2 00	5 00		50
Wesbrook Gladys			50		
Wesbrook Florence.....			50		
Wesbrook Ella.....	1 00	1 00			50
Wesbrook Harry.....	2 00	1 00	1 00		50
Wesbrook Henry.....	3 00		2 00		50
Wesbrook L.....	4 00	1 00	1 00		50
Wesbrook M.....	10 00	4 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Wesbrook W.....	5 00	1 50			25



Mordecai Westbrook Sr Circa 1910 - family of Mordecai Westbrook Jr and Mary Jane Daniels
(1800-1883)

top row						
Abram E. (1874-1948) married Emma S. Passmore seated	Rachel (1887-1953) married Ern Secord George Murray	Harry (1881-1963) married Ada Burtch	Melissa (1871-1943) married Steven Hartley	Wallace Haggai (1869-1953) married Clara M. McAlister	Rhoda A. (1865-1937) married John W. McEwan	Emily E. (1868-1931) married Robert A. Andrews
Mary (Minnie) J. (1864-1940) married Wm L. McEwan	Fanny (1875-1912) married George Murray	Mordecai Jr (1840-1913) son of Mordecai Sr and Mary A. Shaver	Letitia Maud (1879-1968) married Wm Thomas Barnes	Mary Jane (Daniels) Wesbrook (1841-1910)	Helen (Ella) Catherine (1863-1935) spinster	

The fifth generation of "church-goers" to follow from the children of Mordecai Jr included, among others, Rheba B. Secord who married Ken Barnes; Howard Westbrook who married Ila Crumback; Floyd Andrews (1891-1966) who married Florence Longstreet; Herman McEwan who died by accident married Belinda Roberts; Ross Murray married Nellie Benner. In turn, the sixth, seventh and eighth generation, who are members of Oakland United Church, have followed.

Another son of Mordecai Westbrook Sr was active in the Oakland Methodist Church along with his family and many of his descendants, up to the present generation. Abram (Abraham) Westbrook (1844-1910) a farmer on lots 7 and 8 Concession I (later the Barnes farm) was a leader along with his wife Hannah (Brown) (1848-1902).



Circa 1887 - the family of Abram and Hannah Westbrook

Abram W. Westbrook (1844-1910)	Hannah Brown Westbrook (1848-1902)	C. Henry (1877-1969) married Alice Maud Sage	Roy (1881-1969)	Allan (1875-19)
	Ruby (1883-1910) married Clark Merritt	Lorne (1879-19)	Albert (1872-1958)	

Henry's son, Orval, married Roma Wilson whose musical talents are well known in the Oakland United Church. A daughter of Henry and Mrs. Westbrook, Verna, married Howard Edy also Melba m. H. Burtch.

In 1906, the Oakland Circuit consisted of the Oakland, Wilsonville and Bealton churches. The Little Brant Church had closed and was dropped from the Annual Report for that year.

O A K L A N D

Oakland Circuit

OF THE

Methodist Church

For the Year Ending May 1906.

PASTOR, - - REV. E. SHEPPARD.
REC.-STEWARD, - JOHN R. TAYLOR

LOCAL PREACHERS

James Kettle, P. Button, Albert Wesbrook, G. Crumback,
A. Skinner, W. Woltz.

CLASS LEADERS

OAKLAND—Isaac Kelly, M. Edy, Joseph Roberts, C. Vivian,
Mr. Barnes, Mrs. C. Vivian, Mrs. J. Roberts.

WILSONVILLE—James Kettle, S. B. Nelles, A. Skinner, L.
Lutes, Mrs L. Lutes, W. Anderson, Mrs. S. B. Nelles,
Mrs. W. Anderson, D. Nelles, Mrs. D. Nelles, J. Strohm,
E. Wilson, J. Welsh, G. Riddle.

BEALTON—D. Bradshaw, R. W. Churchill, G. W. Taylor, J.
Anderson, Mrs. Geo. Taylor.

STEWARDS

OAKLAND—T. Barnes, Charles Vivian, J. Roberts.

WILSONVILLE—S. B. Nelles, W. T. Anderson

BEALTON—A. J. Smith, J. R. Taylor.

TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE

OAKLAND—A. Wesbrook. WILSONVILLE—D. R. Nelles.
BEALTON—E. Byde.

SABBATH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

OAKLAND—Thos. Barnes. WILSONVILLE—W. Anderson.
BEALTON—A. J. Smith.

SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVE

OAKLAND—T. McEwan, P. Vivian. WILSONVILLE—A. E.
Young, Frank Riddle. BEALTON—Wm. Slaught, E.
Hyde, W. King.

NAME.	Salary.	Thank Offering.	Mission and Educational.	Superan'tion Gen. Conf. Sus.
	\$ c	\$ c	\$ c	\$ c
Almas G.	6 00			1 00
Anders N.	5 00			
Armstrong E. D.	10 00		5 00	3 00
Baldwin E.	2 00			
Baldwin L. H.	6 75	1 00	1 25	50
Baldwin M.	2 00			50
Barnes T.	10 00	3 00	1 50	1 00
Barnes W.	5 00	50	1 00	
Bannister C.	8 00	1 00	1 00	50
Biggar Geo.	4 20	1 00	1 00	50
Book Mrs.	2 00	50	1 00	50
Burtch Mrs.	10 00	2 50	1 25	50
Burtch Ada.	1 00		50	50
Burtch Edna.	1 00		50	
Burton Mrs.	2 00	50		50
Button P.	6 00	1 00	1 00	
Burton C.				50
Campbell Geo.	3 00	1 00		1 00
Campbell Mrs.	2 00	60		
Creighton W.	8 00	3 00	1 50	50
Crumback G.	5 00	2 00	1 25	1 00
Crumback M.	4 00	1 00	1 00	50
Crumback J. S.	6 00	2 00		50
Collection	4 00	7 06	3 92	2 43
Dunnnett H.	6 00	1 00	50	
Dunnnett Mrs. E.	2 00	1 00	50	
Diamond J.	2 00		2 25	50
Duckworth Mrs.	1 00	50		
Duckworth Mary.	50		25	
Edy Mahlon	4 00	1 00		
Edy Maitland	2 00	1 00	2 00	1 00
Edy Lavel	1 00	50		
Elliott J.	5 00	1 00	1 25	
Fewings Mr.	3 06	50		
Forde Mrs.	50		25	
Friends	2 00			
Grantham-G.	5 00	50		
Grantham M.	5 00	1 00	50	50
Grantham W.	7 05	50		1 00
Grantham H.	1 00	25		
Green L.	2 00		25	
Gordon N.	2 00			
Hall A.	4 00		1 00	50
Hilborn Mr.	2 00			
Kelly Bessie.	6 00	1 00	2 00	50
Kelly I.	8 00	2 00	2 00	1 00
Kelly W.	3 50	1 00	2 00	50
Knox F.		45		
Knox G.		50		25
Lefler A.	3 00	4 00		
Lefler Mrs.	1 50			
Lambden G.	4 65		25	1 00
Leonard J.	2 00			50
Logan W.		50		
Lord's Tenth	2 00	50	50	50
Mills Mrs.	1 00			
McEwan T.	5 00	1 00	4 00	1 00
McEwan Orlo.			50	
McEwan Mrs. W.	10 00	1 00	2 00	
McEwan H.		50	1 00	
Malcolm E.	2 00	50		50
Misener C.		50		50
Messecar D.	2 00	1 00	1 50	50
McAlister C.	5 00			1 00
McIntyre Mrs. C.	2 00	50		
McFarland Mrs.	2 00	1 00		
McAlister Miss	2 00			
McEwan Roy			50	
Mordue J.	2 00			
Proper R.	3 00			
Roberts Miss B.	1 00	25	25	
Roberts E.	10 00	3 00	4 00	75
Roberts Joseph.	13 00	1 00	2 25	1 00
Roberts Mrs. J.	2 00			
Rock Bert	2 00	50		
Rock W.	1 00			
Robinson Mr.		25		25
Secord C., Sr.		1 00		
Secord D.	5 20	1 00	1 00	50
Secord Ernest	2 00	1 00		75

OAKLAND—Continued.

NAME.	Salary.	Thank Offering	Mission and Educational.	Superan'tion Gen. Conf.
	\$ c	\$ c	\$ c	\$ c
Secord Earl...				25
Shane Mrs.	3 00	1 00	2 00	50
Stratford S.	11 00	2 00		
Stratford P.		1 00	25	
Stratford Elsie		1 00	1 00	
Stratford Effie		1 00	1 00	
Sheppard Mrs. E.	15 00	3 00	11 50	24 75
Schuyler J.	8 00	1 00		
Swears D.	2 00	25		
Swears T.	25			50
Swears Mrs. T.	50	50		
Swears Maud	50			
Schank A.	2 00			50
Smith E. L.	50			
Scruton Miss.	4 25	25	2 00	
Shavelear Miss.	2 00		25	
Smith Edward.		25		
Taylor R.	8 00	3 00		
Thomas Mrs.	1 00	25	50	
Thomas C.				50
Turnbull J.	10 00		5 00	2 00
Vivian C.	20 00	3 00	2 00	1 00
Vivian F.	55	1 00	4 00	50
Vivian P.	5 00	2 00	3 50	1 00
Waugh Mrs.	2 30	1 00		50
Wesbrook M.	10 00	5 00		1 00
Wesbrook W.	5 00	50	25	
Wesbrook Ella.	2 00	50		
Wesbrook Abram.	5 00			
Wesbrook Albert.	7 00	1 00	6 00	
Wesbrook Henry.	4 00	1 00		
Wesbrook L.	5 00	1 00	2 00	50
Wesbrook Harry.		50		50
Wheeler A.	2 00	75	25	
Whiting E.	5 30	1 00	1 00	1 00
Whiting Nellie.			50	
Watson R. W.	4 00	75	50	50
Woodward A.				1 00
Young Mrs.	1 25	50	25	50
Young Wilfred.	2 00		25	
Young H.				50
Eula Godby's Card.			1 10	
S. Cruickshank's Card.			1 35	
Harry Knox's Card.			3 15	

Total for Oakland 42/28

WILSONVILLE.

NAME.	Salary.	Current Expense.	Mission and Educational.	Superan'tion Gen. Conf.
	\$ c	\$ c	\$ c	\$ c
Anderson W. T.	15 00	4 85	6 00	1 00
Anderson Ernest.	50	30	1 00	
Anderson Will.	50	30	1 00	
Anderson Lula.	50	15	50	
Anderson W. J.	1 00			
Barnes A.	4 00		50	
Butler Roy	1 00	50		
Bannister Audra	25	25		
Bannister Ina.	25	26		
Bannister Mrs. C., Sr.	4 00	1 10		
Bannister Mrs. G.	4 00	1 00	50	
Bannister Miss G.	2 00	60		
Bannister Stanley.		15		
Butler Gladys.	25	15	25	
Barton Will.	1 00		25	
Bowen J.		25		
Bowen Arlie.	25	25		
Bowen Viola.			25	

Bearham Percy	1 00	25	15	
Beemer Frank.	25			
Birdsell J. Y.	2 00	65	15	
Butler Nellie	25	15		
Butler Mark.	50	60		
Brooks Mrs. H.	2 00			
Couke Mrs.	3 00			
Cookson T.		50	25	
Chambers Fred.	2 00			50
Crooks P.	50			
Chambers Mrs. I.	50	25		
Capling W.	1 00	30		1 00
Chambers Peter.	1 50	25	25	25
Chambers C.	2 00			
Chambers N.	3 00			
Collection.	11 78	1 38	4 17	
Duncombe Mrs. L.		1 00		
Dunnett Mrs.	3 00	60	50	25
E. League			5 00	
Ewing A. R.	1 00			
Friend				1 00
Goold J.				50
Goold Alonzo.			25	25
Grantham L.			25	
Goold Mrs. Jacob	6 00			
Harrison Andrew		25		
Hilburn Mrs., Sr.	2 00			
Haviland Laura.			15	
Haviland Mrs. I.	2 00			
Hendershot Mrs. H.	2 00			
Hendershot Mrs. J.		10		
Hall Walter.	3 00	70	25	
Hall Edward.	3 00		10	
Hall Chester.		50		50
Hendershot Dennis.	2 00			
Hayes Eri.	1 00	85	50	
Johnson Eber.	50			
Johnson Geo.	2 00	1 00		50
Johnson Miss.	3 00	90	2 00	50
Kettle C.	3 00	75	1 00	25
Kettle J.	8 00	2 65	5 50	1 00
Kelly Miss.		50	2 25	
Lutes Mrs. J.	1 00			
Lutes Leamon	4 00	1 70	2 00	
Lutes Lloyd	50	30	25	25
Lutes Harry		25	50	
Lutes Henry	4 00	1 25	2 50	50
Logan Mrs. Christie.	50	25		
Logan David.				50
Logan Mr.				50
Lelher Mrs. C.				50
Lundy Annie	1 00	50	25	
Landy I.			1 25	50
Miles Mrs. M.	3 00			
Mitchell A.			25	
Nelles S. B.	15 00	4 85	11 00	2 00
Nelles Lois	25	15		
Nelles D. R.	8 00	1 60	25	50
Nelles Vera.	25	15		
Nelles Salena	3 00	90		
Nelles W. C.	5 00	2 00	1 25	
Owen Mrs.	1 25			
Persall Wilmer	50			
Persall James	1 00			50
Pitcher Frank.	4 00	1 25	25	50
Prescott Mrs.	5 00	50	50	
Prescott Ruth.	5 00	25	25	
Pitcher Graec	1 00	25	10	
Pitcher Charles	1 00	25	50	
Pollard Viola		15		
Pope Ada.	1 00	25		
Riddle Frank	4 00	1 50	2 00	50
Riddle Will.	4 00	1 25	3 25	50
Riddle James.	5 00	2 00	2 00	50
Riddle Fred.	2 00	35	1 00	
Riddle Eva.		25		
Russell Will.		25		
Rodwell Mrs.			10	
Riddle George.	1 00	1 50	1 25	50
Riddle Mrs. John.	2 00			
Rock Charles.	2 00			
Rock Alex.	2 00			
Sunday School.			3 19	
Strohm J.	5 00	1 25	2 50	50
Strohm Mable.	\$ c	\$ c	\$ c	\$ c
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Baptists

According to information found in the Archives of the Canadian Baptists Church at McMaster Divinity College, Hamilton, Ontario there was an Oakland Church as early as 1835. The Clerk was Thos. Robinson of Mount Pleasant Post Office. Deacon N. McIntyre, Br. M. Woodley and Br. D. McDormond represented the Church at the Eastern Baptist Association Meeting and reported that seven members had been added that year by baptism. Total membership forty-nine.

The Canada Baptist Magazine and Missionary Register for December 1837 carries a report of the churches of the Eastern Baptist Association, listing Burford 25 members and Oakland 49.

The same publication vol VII June 1840 carries this report stating that this was the 20th Anniversary of the Eastern Baptist Association:

Oakland - Minister John Harris. Members 56. Baptized during year 10. Services were held in the log school house.

Vol IV 1841 in a list of Sunday Schools lists - Oakland 60. But Oct. 1841 reports - Oakland, Wm Thompson, Clerk, Mohawk P.O. Members 60.

Another congregation emerged about 1847 with the Reverend Babcock serving as pastor and they worshipped in the school at East Oakland along with the Burtch congregation. A merger occurred with the Scotland group and a large brick structure was erected just north of the three corners, on the hill, at Scotland. There is no record of an edifice having been built by the Baptists at Oakland.

About 1846 the Reverend Samuel Dunnett (1815-1896) accepted a call to Oakland. Born in Lowestoft, Suffolk, he emigrated to Canada with his parents around 1807 and settled at Shiloh, Northumberland County. Samuel married Catherine Philp (1817-1898). They farmed near Hilton for a while before he accepted the higher call as a preacher, circuit rider and exorcist. Samuel and Catherine raised a family of three sons and three daughters.

An extract from the 1851 census of the township reveals the following about his family:



Reverend A. Slaght
Rev. Slaght was a well known Townsend pastor with many connections in Oakland - served as supply minister at Scotland Baptist Church in 1892.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Where born</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
DUNNETT, Samuel	31	born England	a clergyman
Catherine	34	born England	(living in a frame house)
Mary C.	13		
John	11	attending school	
Harriett	9	attending school	
James P.	7	attending school	
Martha	5		

(Note: the youngest son, Milton, was born after this census was taken)

Their eldest daughter, Mary 1838-1859, was a teacher at the Union Sabbath Sunday School in 1854. She married Robert Secord, a shoemaker at Oakland. Mary died young, at twenty years of age, and is buried in the Oakland Pioneer Cemetery. The eldest son, John Dunnett (1841-1911), married Eliza Roberts (1842-1938). Eliza's mother, Fanny, was the former Francis (Fanny) Vivian, a sister of John Vivian proprietor of Vivian Grist Mills at Oakland. There are many descendants in the Township from the marriage of John Dunnett and Eliza Roberts. Their eldest daughter Harriett (1864-1941) married Sylvester Stratford, a well known Oakland farmer and they had a large family who settled mostly on the land. The Dunnett lineage has been documented at considerable detail in a soft cover book titled "You're A Stratford", Volume III.

The Reverend Dunnett was reportedly of superior intellect, he had an enquiring mind and steadfastly held to strong convictions. His literary talent is apparent. He was editor and publisher of a local paper called "The Gem". His writings were often harsh and provocative which prompted response and rebuke, as will be seen in a letter to the editor of the Brantford Expositor, Canada West, April 27, 1866:

BRANTFORD EXPOSITOR - BRANTFORD C. W. Friday Apr 27, 1866

COMMUNICATIONS.

Dunnett vs E. M. Church

To the Editor of the Expositor:

SIR, - Some few numbers of the Oakland Gem, a small sheet printed at Oakland village, in the County of Brant, by the Rev. Mr. Dunnett, have fallen into my hands, in which are some very grave charges against the Episcopal Methodist Church in Canada as well as some of its ministers and Bishops.

Mr. Dunnett seems to make these specific charges against the Conference of the E. M. Church. First, - That the trustees of the Bellville Seminary, under the plea of embarrassment, without advertising or giving public notice sold the Seminary for \$30,000 to a private individual who never paid the first cent. He seems anxious in this charge to leave the public with the impression that the conveyance of the property was illegally and fraudulently made, and with the connivance of some of the bishops, and that the whole matter was hushed up by the Conference and afterwards denied by some of the parties. Second, - He charges that the Conference received a grant of land in the City of London, from the Government in opposition to their professed principles; and further, that a part of the said land was afterwards sold, and a part of the proceeds paid to ministers as part salary. Third, - He charges that they received a grant of \$2,000 from the Government; and further, that although at the Conference which met shortly a motion was put and carried, to return the money to the Government, it was never returned.

In this charge, Mr. Dunnett makes it appear that the motion was carried merely to blind the eyes of the public, who had subscribed to a fund to liquidate the debt, with the understanding that no money should be received from the Government.

As these are very grave charges to bring against a Conference of ministers and as these papers are being sent all over the country, and unless these charges are denied or refuted, the public judge accordingly, we trust that such explanations will be given as the case requires and the public has a right to expect.

Earnest.

(One historical document states the Reverend Dunnett also served the Methodist Episcopal Church - this cannot be confirmed)

About 1869, the Pastor Dunnett and Catherine moved on to St. Thomas. The following is taken from the Canadian Baptist Register of 1871:

"Rev. S. Dunnett - St. Thomas - Bro. D. was settled over his present charge on the 1st of May last, and the state of things was then, as they are now, to a certain extent, of a very discouraging character. In his July report, our missionary wrote: "The cause in this church at the commencement of the present quarter, was in a very low state. The congregations had almost become annihilated, and at the week-day prayer meetings, frequently not more than two or three could be found to worship together. Our congregations number now from 50 to 90, and at our week-day prayer meetings from 15 to 10. Three names have been added to those on the church book during the present quarter and we hope to see others soon.

In his report for the present quarter, which had to be telegraphed for, and which did not come to hand till the 14th inst., he makes no remarks in regard to the state and progress."

He left his charge at Centre Street Baptist at St. Thomas in March of 1871 and moved to Michigan and was instrumental in building a new red brick church at Centreville in that State.

A quote from the Canadian Baptist Register of 1871:

REV. S. DUNNETT - ST. THOMAS

"Bro. D. labored only three months during the past year on this section of our field of operations, and then resigned and went to Michigan. St. Thomas was not a sphere adapted to Bro. D.'s style of preaching, and he was unsuccessful. He accomplished little, for his stay was brief. As a brighter day has dawned, we trust on this old and feeble church, and we shall have to refer to it again, we need not say more in this connection."

Pastor Dunnett and Catherine moved from Centreville to the parish of Castleton - Morganston, Northumberland County, their original Canadian homestead, where Samuel preached in the local Baptists church, west of Morganston. His niece, Sophia Dunnett, who lived at Shiloh in Northumberland County kept a diary. One entry reads as follows:

"19 Oct 1873 - Sunday - Father went down to the Baptist church to hear Uncle Samuel's farewell sermon".

The roving minister migrated West in 1875 to settle near Solomon Kansas, north-east of the town of Solomon in Dickinson County. He continued his ministry until failing health curbed his activities in the late 1890's.

Aside from hands on ministering, Pastor Dunnett took his religious fervor one step beyond. He wrote and published several books, one titled "A Jaw-Breaker for Ingersoll and his Infidel Confederates" in rhyme and verse.

Three file cards held in the reference library of the Kansas Historical Society, Topeka, concerning Samuel Dunnett refer to at least three books:

1. Dunnett's Essay Original An Essay; Philosophy of the Memory and Law's Which Govern it. Also, of the Nature and Power of Thought by Rev. Samuel Dunnett, Brantford, Ontario Canada 1862.

This is an entire bound book published by Rev. Dunnett, was presented to the Kansas State Historical Society by him with an apology for the typographical errors in the text. 167 pp Feb. 1882 his address was Solomon, KS.

2. Then DIALOGUE BETWEEN UNIVERSALIST AND A METHODIST, 41 pp.

He became a Baptist after this was published in 1852 by Rev. Samuel Dunnett.

3. A Jaw-Breaker for Ingersoll and his Infidel Confederates, by S. Dunnett 8 Oct 1882, Solomon, Kansas (20 pp). The latter was entered according to Act of Congress in the year 1882 in the office of the Librarian of the Congress at Washington.

(Robert Green Ingersoll 1833-1899, the target of Samuel's literary endeavor, was an American lawyer and politician who attacked orthodox Christian beliefs and lectured on his creed of agnosticism. Like Samuel, he was also a novice writer who left no doubt about his beliefs).

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S. DUNNETT.

INGERSOLL ADMONISHED.

Dear Sir, I have a word for you,
Although your face I never saw,
I wish you well, I say it's true,
Though you despise God's holy law.
The universe you say is all
The God you'll serve, or recognize;
And by what you will stand or fall—
The Lord Jehovah you despise.
O, tell it not to old or young,
Keep these pernicious thoughts wishing;
Why write so much and talk so long,
To lead the youth in paths of sin?
There is a God, though you deny,
And He is holy, just, and true.
Take care, dear sir, for you must die;
Impartial justice waits for you!
What's all your bluster, noise and show
You make with tongue, and wish your pen?
God's truth you labor not to know,
Although he says, he horn again.
This solemn warning makes you laugh,
You train your mind to ridicule,
And claim that all on your behalf
Should speak your praise, and act your rule.
You take the Bible, and you read,
Then put your own construction on,
To hush it up, you give no heed,
But labor hard to put it down.
You read a passage, now and then,
And say there contradictions are,
And what it says of God and men
Is nothing but a priestly scare.
But you are wiser more by far,
Than those who have before you been,
For you've discovered that the law
Of Moses, is a law of sin. **continued**

The above is an extract from Samuel's message in rhyme and verse - 60 pp. published, Solomon, Kansas in Oct 1882.

Pastor Dunnnett died at Solomon, Kansas on the 3rd of May 1896. He was 81 years of age. His wife, Catherine, died two years later at Cramahe, Northumberland County, Ontario. After Samuel left Oakland about 1869, the congregation united with the Scotland Baptist church and it continued to grow and prosper. The Baptist story is continued under the sub heading of Scotland congregations.

Several generations can readily be traced from the Samuel Dunnnett lineage. They were, and still are, involved in the church life of the Oakland community.

First
generation



Rev. Dunnnett Catherine Philip

Second
generation



Harriett Dunnnett
(1842-) spinster



Martha "Mattie" S. Culbertson
Dunnnett (1847-1922) (1840-1923)

**Third
generation**

(children of John
S. Dunnett 1841-
1911 and Eliza
Roberts (1842-1938)



Harriett Dunnett
Stratford
(1864-1941)



Herb Dunnett
(1870-1945)

**Fourth
generation**

(children of Harriett
Dunnett and Sylvester
Stratford (1856-1943)



1906

Perley (1886- 1981)	Florence (1897-1989) married Russell Rammage	Mabel (1894-) married Earl Courtnage	Effie (1888-1962) spinster	Percy (1892-1972)	Eva (1896-1974) married Allen Humphrey
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Ruby (1899-1982) married Victor O'Heron	Harriett Dunnett Stratford holding Harley (1906-1984)	Clarence (1903-1990)	Sylvester Stratford holding Harold (1904-1983)	Elsie (1890-1965) married Lloyd Bowen
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(missing is Velma (1911-) married Cyril Taylor)

Fifth generation - Sixth generation

Many of Sylvester and Hattie Stratford's grand children attended church at Oakland and, in turn, a number of great grandchildren followed. Other well known families can boast of several generations having a membership in the church as well.

Scotland Congregations

Congregationalists

This religious group dates back to 1835, just two years before the rebellion of 1837 which had such a devastating impact on the residents of Scotland. The Reverend James Nall came to Burford in 1834 as a missionary from the Colonial Missionary Society of the Congregational Union of England and Wales. Through his efforts a church was built at Burford. He found time, a year later, to organize the people of his faith in Scotland. Under his leadership, a group of twenty-two banded together. The old school house, located behind Lyman's store in the village, substituted as a meeting place. (One historical record shows the name as Hall not Nall.)

The Reverend Nall serviced his Scotland charge for about eight years, then, in 1843, moved on to another parish.

He was followed by the Reverend W. F. Clarke. The first minute book, dating to 1835, has the following notes;

"after some months of spiritual destitution Mr. W. F. Clarke from the Congregational Academy in Toronto was invited by the friends of Burford and Oakland to visit them with a view to permanent settlement. He commenced his stated ministerial labors at both places on the Lord's Day June 16th, 1844. His preaching proving satisfactory, he was called to the pastoral office by unanimous vote of a large congregation assembled in the school house at Malcolm's Mills on the Lord's Day, Sept. 29, 1844. The call being accepted, Mr. Clarke was publicly installed pastor of the Burford and Oakland congregations on Wednesday, Oct. 16, 1844, by which solemnity the little band of brethren and sisters became again a fully organized Christian society".

Mr. Clarke left for other fields in the spring of 1846. His brother, Dr. John Clarke, a physician in the community, acted as Secretary for the church. By then, Scotland had severed its Burford connection, wishing to become totally autonomous.

William Allworth came to the church in 1846 and remained for almost a year but as he did not feel that God had called him to this particular field of labor, he left in June of the following year. The church members were called together on August 17, 1847, for the purpose of consultation and prayer with the view of inviting another pastor to serve them.

On the same date the following resolution was moved by Brother John M. Marlatt and carried that:

"The Church of Christ of Congregational Order assembling at Scotland being without a pastor and feeling the necessity of a teacher in Christ resolve that we request Mr. William Hay to accept the pastoral oversight of us and that we pledge ourselves to support him according to the ability that God has given us".

William Hay, twenty-five years of age of Scottish background and not yet ordained, accepted the call and preached his first sermon on the 13th of October. A graduate of the Congregational College, he received his ordination on the 19th of January, 1848 in the old school house. Through William Hay's leadership, the church edifice, the Church of Christ of the Congregational Order opened its doors in 1849, having been authorized at a meeting of the Board on November 22, 1847. It still stands today in the south west corner of the village, now the United Church of Canada. The church found a home on land donated by Peter Malcolm (1796-1864), Lot I Concession XIV Burford Township.

Work commenced on November 23, 1847 when Mr. Marlatt and Augustus Malcolm were delegated to draw lumber, scaffold poles and shingles. A general "bee" was called to roof and shingle the building. A frustrating delay occurred because a skilled carpenter could not be readily located to complete parts of the chapel in its pure architectural line.

The windows bear tribute today to the fact that no half-way measures were adequate for God's house. They are pure Gothic in their form and said to be unique in this region of Ontario. It is a tribute to the late Mr. Hay that the church, when completed, was perfect in architectural design despite the construction encumbrances.

With the addition of the spire in 1859, complete with a belfrey and bell, the building stood out on the landscape as a creation of God's handywork. A native boy, W. S. Walker, who later became Judge of the Marine Court in Montreal took on the task of bell ringer, demonstrating his musical talents morning, noon and night, every day of the week. He was paid twenty-four dollars annually. A second-hand pipe organ, installed in the gallery about 1863, added greater musical variety and quality.

Who was this pastor, William Hay, who made such an impact on the life of early Scotland dwellers? Again, a quote is taken from "A Century and a Quarter of Christian Leadership 1835-1960";

"William Hay was born at Perth, Ontario, on January 16th, 1822, of Scottish lineage. He attended the Parish School at Lanark and laid the foundations there of a great career. A year before the rebellion, his father and family moved to

Warwick. This change brought them into the Congregational Church there, of which the Reverend Leonard McGlashan was Pastor. His father was made a Deacon and the young minister and elder must have been true servants of the Most High, for from that Scottish home came three sons into the ministry of their beloved Church, William, James and Robert.



Rev. Wm Hay

At eighteen years of age God laid His hand upon William Hay and set him apart for His service. He felt "called" to preach the Gospel. There followed seven years of difficult but diligent study, as the young man pored over English, Latin and Greek, to prepare himself for the Great Task that was ahead. Three years he studied extra-murally, and four in residence in the Congregational College of Canada, in Montreal.

He graduated in 1847, received his diploma and license to preach. But misfortune followed the great Day of Graduation, for he suffered an attack of measles which laid him aside for almost two months time. But destiny was still at work and the "call" from Scotland came to him and he was moved to accept and settle here".



SCOTLAND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

One of the first weddings to be performed in the new church took place early in 1849 when John Smith (1821-1900), son of William and Charity Smith, married Mary Jane Merrit (1831-1891), the Rev. Hay officiating. They had three children - W. Merrit Smith (1849-1933), Myrtilla (Mrs. Ed Myles (1850-1924) and John Colborne Smith (1856-1915).

The Reverend Hay found it necessary to go to Woodstock to obtain his license to marry people in Upper Canada. There was no Government official in the Scotland area at that time who could authorize him to issue marriage certificates.

The deacons at that time were John M. Marlatt, Justus Smith and Levi Steinoff. In 1858, two of these deacons having moved away, it was necessary to elect new deacons - Augustus Malcolm (1820-1896), Charles Chapin (1808-1871), Alonzo Foster (1819-1905) and Robert Eadie (1825-1879). Justus Smith (1796-1864) was one of

the first deacons. He had two sons who became ministers - Rev. Findlay M. Smith and Rev. James M. Smith. Robert Eddie Jr. (1825-1879) was a farmer on lots 6 of concessions II and III. His father Robert Sr. (1798-1882) owned land on lot 4 concession IV. Alonzo Foster (1819-1905) was a land owner at lot 2 concession XIII Burford, just west of the village. Augustus Malcolm owned the land at Scotland on the west side of the town line. Charles Chapin (1808-1871) was a farmer on lots 3 and 4 concession III, also on lots 5 and 6 of concession IV.

The church code of discipline in earlier days was strict. Those who joined the church were a committed lot who accepted uncompromising rules of conduct which the Reverend Nall and his elders quickly enforced. There are many records of members being suspended for continued absence from church meetings and the Lord's supper. They were to be restored upon repentance and reformation, otherwise were separated from communion. Church records are replete with that chilling word "expelled"!

The following is taken from "A Century and a Quarter of Christian Leadership 1835-1960" which exemplifies the churches' attitude towards malefactors:

March 1840 - Mr. A's case brought before the Church

May 1840 - Mr. A's case laid over

July 1840 - Mr. A having confessed his faults, is sorry and promises amendment. The Church, receiving his confession, is satisfied.

July 1841 - Mr. A expelled from the Church.

Excerpt from the Minutes of April 10th, 1845:

"The case of difficulty again discussed. It appeared plain to all the members that Mrs. X had done wrong. She herself admitted it. A majority of those present thought the following acknowledgement due from her:-

Forasmuch as under the influence of improper feelings of mind. I have made statements affecting the character of Mrs. Y: this is to certify that I have charged her with having been guilty of the crime of _____ or _____, and express regret at having made such statements.

Likewise I hereby confess and deplore the insult offered to the said Mrs. Y and her husband while proceeding along the public road, by the tinkling of a pail at

them, and also the contemptuous obeisance made to the said Mrs. Y on another occasion.)"

We need only to add to the Minute that Mrs. X

refused to make the due acknowledgement and was expelled from the Church forthwith.

It was hard to maintain public worship in earlier times. School houses, used as temporary facilities, were cold and the seats were hard. Tallow candles were used for lighting. Snuffing the candles was the work of the deacons, mostly with their fingers. The black smudge easily transferred to their faces, causing the girls to laugh.

Augustus Malcolm (1820-1896) became treasurer in 1852. Two years earlier, the Board had authorized an annual salary of \$225.00, for their minister, Mr. Hay.

Prominent names among the early members were Mr. and Mrs. Justus Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Quartus Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Steinoff, Mr. and Mrs. James Oswald, Robert Elliott, Mrs. Peter Malcolm, Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Malcolm, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stuart.

At this time in their history, a portion of the minister's salary sometimes took the form of goods rather than cash. At special events called to gather in the gifts, spontaneous humor erupted at the variety of goods donated. In the corner sat the secretary, and as each parcel arrived, the value was asked, some placing small value on their gifts, others the highest market price, and what a variety; butter, eggs, poultry, potatoes, turnips, pumpkins, cord wood, oats and hay, tea and coffee and, of course, fat pork. In November, 1858, the deacons organized their Fall donation party. Church records state: "resolved that a donation meeting in favor of the pastor be held on Wednesday, December 22, that the brethren Justus Smith (1796-1864), Marcus Malcolm (1830-1903), John Walker (1813-1900) and Joseph McCombs, with the deacons be a committee for arrangements".

The church got a face lift with the addition of the present choir chancel in 1871. Before then, the choir and organ were located in the loft at the back of the church. Miss Lottie Hay, daughter of the minister, was the organist. She played a second-hand pipe organ. One Sabbath, while she played the closing hymn, a mouse ran up her arm and became entangled in her leg o'mutton sleeve. The music stopped abruptly!

In 1875, and thereafter, many social evenings, lawn socials and tea meetings are recorded with the proceeds going to operational expenses. Some were held on Mr. Hay's lawn in the Gore, at Marcus Malcolm's, at Mrs. Robert Eadie's and at Albert Foster's place. The proceeds ranged from \$23.75 to \$56. Annual tea meetings, held in Foster's hall on Christmas night as a fund-raiser, brought in proceeds of up to \$100.00.

At the 25th anniversary of Mr. Hay's ministry in 1872, three visiting ministers preached. George Malcolm (1832-1904) and Daniel Smith (1829-1904) addressed the gathering with words of praise for their durable pastor. Mr. Hay received a purse of \$100.

The Masonic Order honoured Mr. Hay in 1880 by investing him a Grand Chaplain and presenting him with the sword of office.

Because of failing health, a pastorate of forty-seven years was brought to an end in 1894. Mr. Hay asked the Rev. J. K. Unsworth to assist him for a while but continuing health problems caused him to formally request he be relieved, not only at Scotland, but also at Burford and Kelvin. His letter of resignation read:

"To the Deacons, members, adherents of the Congregational Church Scotland - Dear Brethren, It has been many years since I began my ministry among you, and I am sorry to break so sacred a tie, but my health having failed and being no longer able to perform the duties of my office I beg to resign my oversight of you in the Lord. In doing so I offer my best thanks for all the kindness you have shown me and mine with the hope that you will cast the mantle of chairty over all my mistakes and errors. From the first I have tried to preach Christ and Him crucified among you and I pray that you may appear with Him in glory at last.

Yours faithfully - Wm. Hay".

Augustus Malcolm (1820-1896), an esteemed deacon of many years, moved that the Reverend Hay's resignation be accepted. Mr. Malcolm was present and had moved that he be called to the church forty-seven years earlier. Since then Mr. Hay had performed 455 marriages, 900 funerals and had received almost a thousand people into the fellowship of the church. As a gesture of respect and admiration, Charles Nelles proposed he be made Minister Emeritus. Earlier, in 1863, Mr. Hay held the office of Chairman of the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, a distinct mark of respect.

Aside from his pastorate duties, William Hay actively took a role in educational matters, becoming the first Superintendent of Education for Burford and Oakland Townships, a position he held for five years. He acted as Chairman of the Brant County Board of Public Instruction, essentially to supervise the schools, to set examinations for teachers, and to issue certificates of competency. In 1856, Mr. Hay saw some members leave his congregation to form a church at Kelvin.

Pastor Hay passed away on his seventy-fifth birthday, the 16th of January 1897. His first wife, Eliza Taylor, died in 1852 at 29 years. His second wife, Mary Ann MacDonald, died on June 24th 1890 and an infant daughter in 1864.

Deacon Augustus Malcolm predeceased his long time friend by four months. Mr. Malcolm had been, without question, one of the most dominant and respected elders of his church for over half a century. Augustus, born at Scotland on April 9, 1820, was the son of Peter Malcolm (1796-1864) and Elizabeth Slaughter (Slaght). His grandfather, Finlay Malcolm (1750-1829) is recognized as being the founder of

Oakland. Augustus married Sarah Bethina Bugbee in 1842. Both took on leadership roles in their community along with church related activity. Augustus owned one hundred acres of farm land on lot 1 concession XIII, just inside the Burford Twp line. He died in October 1896. Born to Augustus and Sarah Malcolm were eight children; Elizabeth in 1844, William Henry in 1846 died 1868, Lyman Malcolm went to the USA, Francis Hinks a lawyer and bachelor, Lucina born in 1851 died 1865, Ezra went to the USA, Mackenzie born in 1856 and Alonzo born in 1856.

Rev. Joseph K. Unsworth graduated from assistant minister to replace Mr. Hay. Outstanding was his success with work of the young people. He remained at his post until July 1900, then transferred to First Congregational Church at Hamilton, the beginning of a long ministry. After retirement from active work, Mr. Unsworth's pen still wielded wide influence. He moved to Victoria, B.C., and contributed the Church Page and Church News to "The Daily Colonist", and, until 1959, he acted as the British Columbia Conference Correspondent for "The New Outlook". Mr. Unsworth was one of the oldest retired ministers at the time of his death.

Varying fortunes came with the twentieth century. A long list of supply ministers followed throughout the rest of 1900, until March 17th, 1901. The list includes John Morton, A. F. Pollock, Charles Pedley and his brothers, Hugh and James. On that date, however, Rev. D. D. Hambly came as stated supply. He was given a call to remain as pastor, but declined, and again in December, the Church had a vacancy.

More supplies were found necessary until April, when Mr. A. M. Boyd was called to the Pastorate, continuing his ministry until December, 1902.

Rev. C. E. Bolton, of St. Catharines, received a call to succeed Mr. Boyd. He accepted, being inducted on February 12th. Under his ministry, a fund grew for the purchase of a new manse, but its proportions never reached the objective set for many years to come. Mr. Bolton resigned his pastorate in February 1906, after three and a half years of hard work while in a fight with declining health. With his family, he moved to Laurel, Ontario in 1905. No more touching minute appears in church records than the tribute to Mr. Bolton at his death in 1908:

"With the tenderest memories do we recall his faithful services to this Church and to the Denomination at large, and his loyalty to the cause of Truth and Righteousness everywhere. One of his teachings that stay with many of us was his way of looking upon Death as an incident in Life. And now that he is safely passed that incident may those near and dear to him take comfort in the fact that having 'Crossed the Bar' he is beyond the dangers of the shoals of time, and that faithful services are now receiving their reward."

The Reverend Edwin Hobbs was extended a call in November 1906 which proved to be a long and fruitful ministry. Seven years, in all, were given to the Scotland Church. He, like his predecessor, Mr. Hay, made Scotland his home thenceforth. At his resignation, he was asked to become Honorary Pastor, which office he accepted, living many years to counsel the congregation with his wisdom.

Members spoke with affection of Mr. Hobb's ministry; his wide reading and extended travel gave a breadth of vision to his sermons. His good name, and reputation lived on through his daughter, Enid Hobbs Gundy, organist for many years.

George E. Morley came as a supply in October, 1913. Ordained on June 1st of the following year, he assumed the pastorate until December, 1914.

Rev. A. J. Orr, of Woodstock, was invited to become minister of the Church in April, 1915. He laboured with diligence and honour for two and a half years. Both Mr. Orr and Mr. Morley served in neighbouring conferences after leaving their respective Scotland charges.

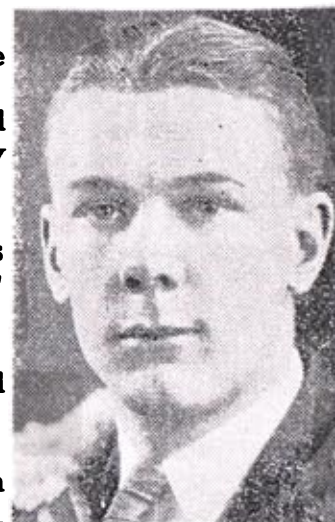
The ministry of the late Andrew E. Mann commenced during the month of March, 1918. He maintained a high standard of preaching and pastoral work until ill-health forced him to resign a few months before union in 1925. It was under Mr. Mann that the vote upon this issue was taken at Scotland with near unanimous support.

Remarkably, Mr. Mann recovered his health following a period of convalescence in quietness and rest. He returned to the ministry to spend nine more years in the service of his choice. In the winter of 1960 his life ended.

The Congregationalists officially became a part of the United Church of Canada in 1925 with the merger of the Presbyterians, Methodists and Congregationalists. Rev. L. E. Gosling served after union, followed by Rev. George Stephenson. In 1929, the Rev. J. W. Davidson succeeded. He remained until 1934.

Centennial year, in 1935, saw many special activities, preceded by recent renovations to the edifice for this special year. Miss Charlotte Hay, daughter of the venerable Rev. Hay, was the oldest living member of the church, having 60 years to her credit. The Reverend Earl B. Eddy, a local boy who had been called a year earlier, took charge of the year's celebrations.

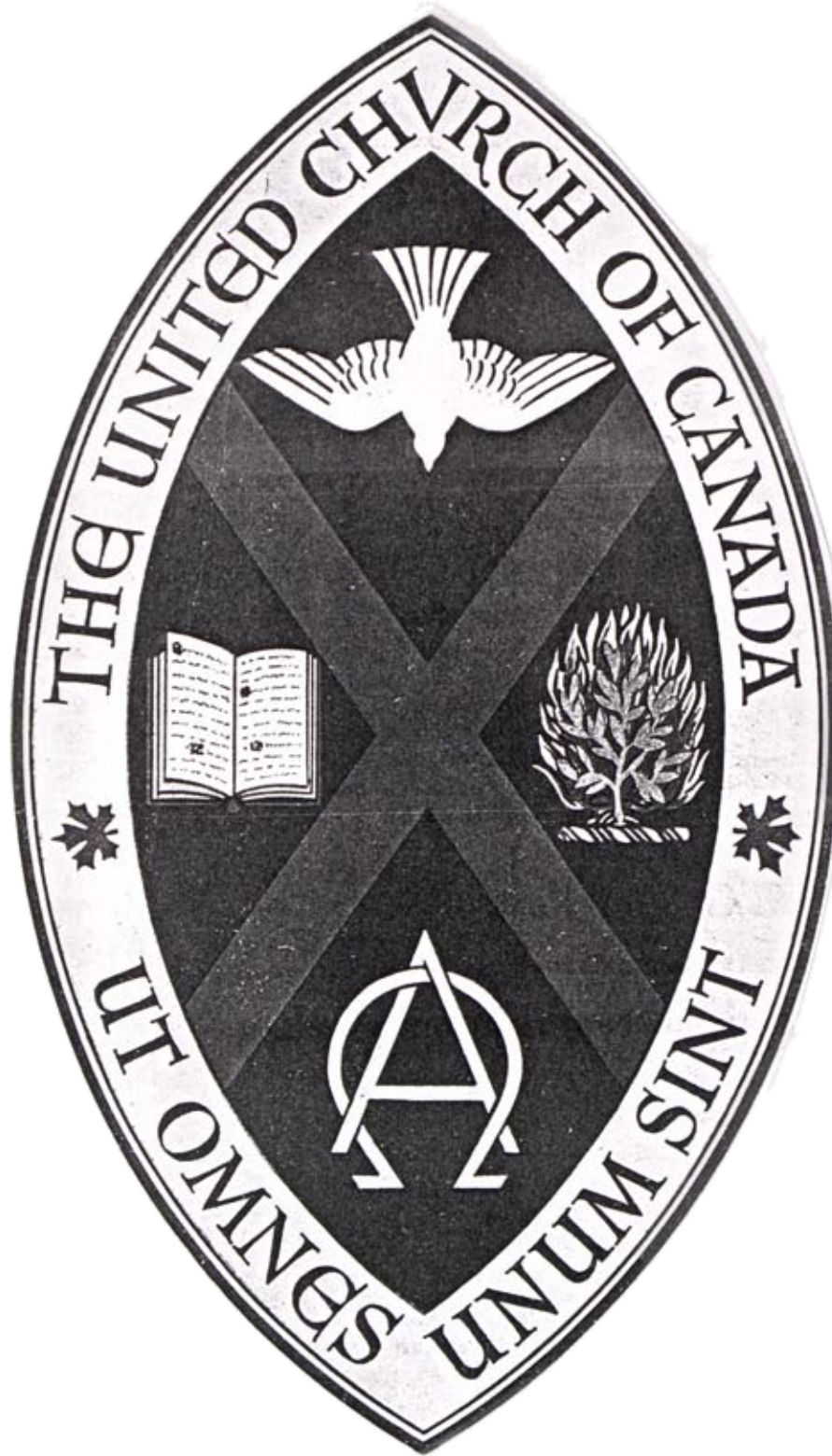
An outstanding son of Congregationalism took the anniversary services, Mr. H.W. Barker of Toronto, Assistant-Treasurer of the United Church. The second Sunday, October 27, the present minister, Rev. E.B. Eddy preached in the morning and Rev. E.R. Hall, Elm Avenue, Brantford, took the evening service. Through the week, Monday was the annual fowl supper. Tuesday evening was given to "History and the Reminiscences of Old Friends." Wednesday a former minister, the Rev. A.J. Orr, Orangeville, preached. And Thursday morning, Thanksgiving, Rev. A.C. Eddy, of St. Ann's an old Scotland boy, conducted a service. Friday was given to Missions and Rev. S.R. Collins, Missionary on Furlough from Angola, spoke. Appropriately, the Minister for the Centennial year was a Scotland boy, educated in Brantford Collegiate and McGill and University of Alberta.



Rev. Earl Eddy

1925

Rev L. E. Gosling



Reverend Eddy did much of the spade work in planning a week of reunion of old members and friends, with the Sunday services October 20th and 27th, plus a church supper and an evening of history and pageant. The whole week was a time of rejoicing, and of recalling the historic past and a look to the future.

After five years at Scotland, the Reverend Eddy moved on to Hagersville in 1939, then to Weston United. His farewell sermons at Scotland United on Sunday, November 27th, 1939 were well attended. The morning address had as its theme "Stand Fast" with the lesson chosen from one of Paul's letters in which he encouraged a church he had founded to continue the work after his departure. Mr. Eddy spoke feelingly of the splendid fellowship he had enjoyed with the congregation during his pastorate of more than four years. The choir rendered the anthem, "I am Alpha and Omega."

Mr. Eddy's evening sermon was on the "Benediction." Two musical numbers were given. The choir rendered the anthem, "Saviour When Night Involves the Skies" and C.D. Hunter sang the solo, "May the Peace of Allah Be With You." Before the Benediction was pronounced all joined in singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Following the service a social gathering was held in the church basement. C.D. Hunter, W.H. Taylor and J. Hagerman spoke on behalf of the choir, congregation and official board respectively to which Mr. Eddy responded. Mrs. J. Messecar and Mrs. W.H. Taylor then presented Mr. and Mrs. Eddy with a beautiful blanket as a parting gift.

It was Mr. Eddy who wrote the article "A Hundred Years of Christian Leadership" from which many quotes have been extracted and included in this resume of the church's history.

It is interesting to note that Earl Eddy wrote as his thesis for Th.D., "The Story of Congregational Churches in the Early Canadas".



Ethel Helen (Huffman)
Eddy (1903-1987)

Rev Earl B. Eddy
(1902-1985)

Earl Bronson Eddy was the son of John A. Eddy (1855-1943), a postmaster at Scotland before the turn of the century. Earl graduated in 1925 taking charge in Alberta. Later he moved to Saskatchewan where he served at two charges followed by the call, in 1934, to the church of his birthplace. The Reverend and Mrs. Eddy had four sons and two daughters; Douglas of Brantford; Helen (Oughtred); Bev of Nanton, Alberta; Betty (Wesson) of Burlington; Stuart of Mississauga; Sherwood, an educator of Grand Bend, Ontario.


Centennial Celebration

The United Church of Canada

Scotland, Ontario

REV. EARL B. EDDY, B.A., Minister

Sunday, October 27, 1935



Commemorating a Hundred Years
of Christian Leadership in
Scotland Village

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome to our Pulpit as Guest-Minister tonight
Rev. E. R. Hall, B.A., of Elm Avenue Church
Brantford

WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 30th, 8 P.M.—
Service of Prayer—Speaker, Mrs. T. Field
"The Three Bones of Humanity"

SUNDAY SUBJECTS

- NOVEMBER 3rd—
A.M.—A Struggling God
P.M.—Love — An Exposition
- NOVEMBER 10th—
A.M.—Remembrance
P.M.—Thy Word is a Lamp
- NOVEMBER 17th—
A.M.—The Ministry of Literature
P.M.—The Hero as King—Saul
- NOVEMBER 24th—
A.M.—What Is This Christianity—An Experience?
P.M.—The Hero as Poet—David
- DECEMBER 1st—
A.M.—What Is This Christianity—A Fellowship?
P.M.—The Hero as Man of Letters—Solomon
- DECEMBER 8th—
A.M.—What Is This Christianity—Adventure?
P.M.—The Hero as Prophet—Jeremiah
- DECEMBER 15th—
A.M.—What Is This Christianity—A Society?
P.M.—The Hero as Priest—Ezekiel
- DECEMBER 22nd—
A.M.—What Is This Christianity—An Event?
P.M.—The Hero as Divinity—Jesus
- DECEMBER 29th—
A.M.—What Is This Christianity—A Victory?
P.M.—Time Marches On

Please keep this List for Reference. Plan to
be present to hear Both Series

The Scotland Congregational Church is probably unique in all Ontario in one regard. Its spiritual leadership was such that in the 100 years of its existence neither of its great sister churches, the Presbyterian and the Methodist, ever challenged its first right in the community. Neither attempted to found a cause in the village. But all blended in union long before church union was ever planned.



Alfred W. Eddy (1872-1937)
Steward



Senator W.H. Taylor
Clerk of Session

1935 - CENTENNIAL YEAR

Officers of Scotland United Church

MINISTER - Rev. Earl B. Eddy, B.A.
SESSION -

Messrs. A. B. Horning, J. Hagerman, J. D. Messecar
A. W. Smith, H. W. Foster

W. H. Taylor, Clerk

STEWARDS -

Messrs. J. C. Graves, chairman, A. Horning, secretary, E. Graves, W. Courtnage, H. W. Foster, W. H. Taylor, Wm. Eddy, L. Wilson, A. W. Eddy, C. D. Hunter

Lay Delegate - Mr. C. D. Hunter

Treasurer - Mr. H. W. Foster

Sunday School Superintendent - Mr. A. Horning

Choir Leader - Mr. C. D. Hunter

Organist - Mrs. E. Gundy

Assistant Organist - Mrs. A. J. Kaufman

President W. M. S. - Mrs. J. D. Messecar

Leader Mission Circle - Mrs. M. Wheeler

Leader Mission Band - Miss L. Gundy

Leader Baby Band - Mrs. E. Graves

Leader Trail Rangers - Rev. E. B. Eddy

President Y.P.U. - Mr. Emery Messecar

Rev. W. J. McKnight came in July 1939, remaining until April 1941, during which time his wife was ill and died. Mr. McKnight left Scotland to join the Armed Forces chaplaincy.

In 1941, Rev. W. A. Burbidge, forced to return from his mission Field in Korea because of war conditions, came to minister at Scotland. He remained for five years, returning for a second term. It was during his pastorate that the parsonage got a face lift.

Rev. Rodger C. Nunn, also a missionary to Korea, assumed the pastorate in 1946. He remained until 1950, then left to join the Armed Forces where he served his Unit as a padre in the Korean conflict.

Rev. A. Youmans was supply pastor until 1951. At this point in time Mrs. Nunn led a Junior Choir, an outstanding group who performed brilliantly in choir singing as well as operetta work.

During Mr. Nunn's pastorate, a special service marked the 100 anniversary of the construction of the church. Assisting with the service were two Scotland boys, Rev. Earl Eddy and Rev. Arthur Eddy, of Hamilton. At the service, new doors were dedicated. Mr. Nunn payed tribute to the original weathered and scarred doors, then dedicated the new ones, while a processional followed into the church auditorium with the singing of "Ye Gates Lift Up Your Heads".

At the same service, the unveiling of the Hay Memorial Plaque allowed it to take an honoured place in the church. Mr. Nunn paid tribute to Rev. William Hay, Pastor for forty-seven years. He spoke of the influence those forty-seven years of service had on the community, as well within the church. Miss Willena Foster, a grand-daughter and a member of the church throughout the years, read I Corinthians, chapter 13, a favourite passage of her grandfather. She unveiled the Memorial Plaque, which held the following inscription:

To the Glory of God
and in loving memory of
REV. WILLIAM HAY
who served here continuously
for forty-seven years, and
under whom this Church
was erected in 1848.

Miss Foster officiated again by presenting a communion table in memory of her parents, William Foster and Eliza Margaret Hay.

October 17th, 1948

The Reverend Eddy, then at Weston United Church, preached the anniversary services, drawing attention to the life of William Hay, who with his steadfast workmanship built a memorial that will never die, and said: "We inherit our father's Church; let us pass on untarnished and undimmed the precepts of the past and return to the study of the Bible in honour of those who have gone before".

Featured during the service was a centennial hymn. Its words were written by Mr. A. J. Kaufman, retired principal of Scotland Continuation School. The closing lines being:

"So let us all strive forward,
And labour so that we
To those who follow after
A beacon light shall be."

In 1951, Rev. W. A. Burbidge and Mrs. Burbidge returned for the second time to the parsonage they had aided in renovating. During the pastorate of Mr. Burbidge, the pattern of the tapestry woven through the years blossomed forth as the rose, and the weaving assumed a vividness and a renewed glory, and the tapestry became an everlasting witness of all that had gone before.

In 1954, a new church hall was built. Its kitchen, auditorium, stage and heating unit greatly enlarged the church's facilities.

The old white frame church, with its Gothic windows, planed out of native woods in 1847, and standing on a hill west of the village, surrounded by dignified maple trees in a setting of shrubs and spacious grounds, celebrated many happy and important events. But when the children from the Sunday School gathered at the dedication service and sang "We are Building every Day, Building Temples for Eternity", they expressed the spirit of their forefathers who, in their day, had built for the future. The first communion set, is also a reminder of the day of the reverence and thanksgiving with which those pioneer men and women held the sacrament. Rev. W. A. Burbidge conducted the dedication service, assisted by Rev. Norman Rawson, President of Hamilton Conference of the United Church.

An Honour Roll has been placed on the wall of the church to honour those boys who answered the call to serve their country during the Second World War, all sons of families of the church.

It was at this time that Enid Horning, B. A. became a missionary. Her parents were members of the church, as were both her maternal and paternal grandparents, all of whom were members of the former Congregational Church. Enid graduated from the United Church Training School, then took an appointment with the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada in Japan, where she served for many years, retiring to Scotland in 1990.

Rev. W. A. Burbidge left in 1957 to serve the Home Mission Board. Rev. George Mundy served the Church one year. During that time the Young People were active, and presented a lectern and bible to the Sunday School. The minister organized a Hi-C group, as well as a Cub Pack and Scout Troop.

Rev. Lorne Knox came to the pastorate in 1958. He was the minister at the time of the 125th anniversary.

Enid Horning returned on furlough in 1959 to attend Emmanuel College, but was a welcome addition to any meeting that she was able to attend in her home church. During the 125th Anniversary Year, when Enid returned to her mission field, Rev. Lorne Knox presided at a farewell gathering planned by the Church Board and the Women's Groups of the Church, when the interest and concern shown for her and her work was demonstrated in a "This Is Your Life" program, with Senator W. H. Taylor as commentator, her congregation conveyed to Enid the love and concern felt for her.

During the pastorate of Mr. Knox, following a unanimous response to a canvass, the church building was completely renovated and tarvia put on the drives.

The 125th Anniversary celebrations of 1960 continued from October 16th to 23rd, with Rev. Earl B. Eddy, Rev. W. A. Burbidge and Rev. Roger Nunn returning to preach at the services. A turkey supper drew a large crowd and a Pioneer Evening on Friday, October 21st, with an interesting program, reviewed the past.

1960
125th ANNIVERSARY YEAR
Officers of Scotland United Church

MINISTER - Rev. Lorne Knox

CLERK OF SESSION - Senator W. H. Taylor

SESSION -

C. D. Hunter, W. H. Taylor, A. S. Horning, Chester McCutcheon,
Oscar Gibson, Morley Wheeler, Ensley Graves, Don. Eddy

BOARD OF STEWARDS -

Leon Welsh, A. L. Campbell, John Shepherd, K. Battram,
Dr. J. E. Shaver, Lloyd Wilson, William Ritchie, Wesley Clark,
Keith Poss, Cliff Cronkite, C. B. Hunter, Elgin Johnson,
Cecil Hiles, Lloyd Maquire

Chairman of Stewards - E. D. Johnson

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President Women's Federation - Mrs. E. D. Johnson

President Tuesday Night Club - Mrs. Cliff Cronkite

President Enid Horning Auxiliary - Mrs. Goldie Riddoch

Leader of Explorers - Mrs. Lorne Knox

Leader of C.G.I.T. - Mrs. C. B. Hunter

Leader of Mission Band - Mrs. Don Eddy

Leader of Baby Band - Miss Miriam Foster

125th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE -

Mrs. Lloyd Wilson, convener

Mrs. A. S. Horning, secretary

Messrs. C. D. Hunter, W. H. Taylor, A. L. Campbell,
E. D. Johnson, Rev. Lorne Knox



1991
Scotland United Church

To follow, in chronological order, is a list of the ministers together with other historical events of the church, as researched by Enid Horning;

1835 (fall)
to the
end of 1843

Rev. James Nall

1844 (June)
to spring
1846

Rev. W. F. Clarke. He came as supply and a call was issued after a congregational meeting held in the schoolhouse at Malcolm's Mills. Burford and Oakland together supported one pastor. A frame for the new church was erected at Malcolm's Mills. The use of "Scotland" as the name first appears in the January 25, 1845 minutes.

1846 April 4

Clarke told the congregation that "he had been led to regard it as a duty to leave Burford, and could not retain his connection with the Oakland Church in the event of his resignation of his charge in Burford".

1846 (Aug) to
end of 1847

Wm. Allworth came as supply. He was invited at a congregational meeting toward the end of the year to become pastor, but did not accept.

1847 (June 30) "Moved by Mr. Bingham, seconded by Mr. Marlatt; That the Congregational Church of Oakland here assembled do hereby declare themselves disunited from the Burford Church as together supporter of one Pastor. That we request Mr. W. H. Allworth to settle among us as our pastor and we pledge ourselves to support him to the utmost of our abilities. Moved by Mr. Augustus Malcolm seconded by Mr. J. Marlatt and J. Bingham. Carried unanimously." Mr. Allworth declined

1847 Aug 7 to
Dec 1894

Moved "That we request Mr. Wm Hay to accept the pastoral oversight of us". The invitation was accepted Aug 31st and he began his Pastoral duties October 13, 1847.

1849 The building was completed and in use. The tower was not completed until later, possibly in 1859 when the bell was installed.

1863 A second hand organ was installed in gallery

1871 New seating and present choir cancel was added.

Mr. Hay was elected as the first local Superintendent of Education for the Townships of Burford and Oakland. He held this office for five years. He was a member of the Board of Public Instruction of Oxford County. When Brant county was formed, Mr. Hay was selected as Chairman of the Board of Public Instruction to supervise, not only the schools of the County, but also to examine the teachers, and issue certificates to those entitled to them.

After his resignation in December 1894 Mr. Hay continued to live in Scotland and was Honorary Pastor until his death January 16, 1897. One of his daughters, Eliza (1852-1926), married Wm. Foster (1852-1912) and their daughter, Willena Foster (1886-1967) was a teacher and later a Professor of Physics at Western University London, Ontario. The house Mr. Hay built is the red brick one which stands in "The Gore" where Talbot and Simcoe Streets divide. Willena Foster inherited the house and lived there during the summers.

1893
Feb 23

The Scotland Sun reported: "On Friday evening 3rd, a successful social was held at the spacious residence of D.W. Malcolm Esq., two miles south of this place, in connection with the organ fund of the Congregational Church. Socially, speaking, everybody enjoyed themselves, and financially it fully met the

expectations of the committee, when taken in account the low price of admission, that of 15 cents.

This is a series of socials being held during the winter months to aid in paying for the new organ, and thus far the committee are to be congratulated on their success. Heretofore the programme and supper have been of too high an order to be in keeping with the price of admission, and they have decided to raise the price to 25 cents for adults, and 15 cents for children. The next social will be held at Mr. S. Hunter's beautiful residence in this village, on Friday evening next."

1894 to
June 1900

Rev. Joseph K. Unsworth came as assistant to Mr. Hay and then was called as the pastor



Rev. Joseph Unsworth
(minister of Scotland
Congregational Church
also at Burford)

1895

A furnace was installed

During Rev. Unsworth's pastorate, the Christian Endeavour Society was very active. Two examples of their activities follow:

1896 Jan 22
Annual Meet-
ing Report
of Christian
Endeavour
Society

"In June a social was held at the house of Wm. Foster (1852-1912) and Mrs. Eliza (Hay) Foster (1852-1926) was a very enjoyable affair. The program which was a little out of the ordinary line, consisting of a debate on the question "Resolved that a mechanics labor is more arduous than School Teacher's", and a spelling match with the married arrayed against the single. Admission 10 cents. No Refreshments and realized \$10.50 to be applied to miscellaneous purposes by C. E. who arranged the social."

On February 26th a similar social was held at the house of Mr. & Mrs. M. Halliday's when another pleasant evening was spent. The program, while quite different from the one at Mr. Foster's, was informal and was well received. A new feature was chemical experiments. Admission 15 cents and realized \$13.00, to be applied to the shed extension fund by the Ladies Aid.

There were no refreshments - acting upon the premise that we eat to live rather than we live to eat.

1900 to March
17, 1901

Rev. J. K. Unsworth left to become the pastor of First Congregational Church in Hamilton, there was a long list of supplies. John Morton, A. F. Pollock Charles Pedley, Hugh Pedley, James Pedley

1901 March 17
to December

Rev. D. D. Hambly came a stated supply. He refused a call.

1901 April to
December 1902

Rev. A. M. Boyd

1902 February
to Feb. 1906

Rev. C. E. Bolton, who resigned due to poor health after having been granted several periods of leave during his pastorate.

1906 November
to Aug. 1913

Rev. Edwin Hobbs - after retirement, Mr. Hobbs (1849-1916) continued to live in Scotland until his death. He was asked to be Honorary Pastor after his resignation. His wife was Emma Boyd (1852-1925). His daughter, Enid (1882-1965) married Francis Gundy (1871-1933). Enid was, for many years, the organist at Scotland Church and a local music teacher. After her husband's death in 1933 she moved to the USA but often returned to Scotland to visit. Enid Hunter, daughter of Charles D. Hunter and Kate Halliday Hunter and Enid Horning were both named after her.

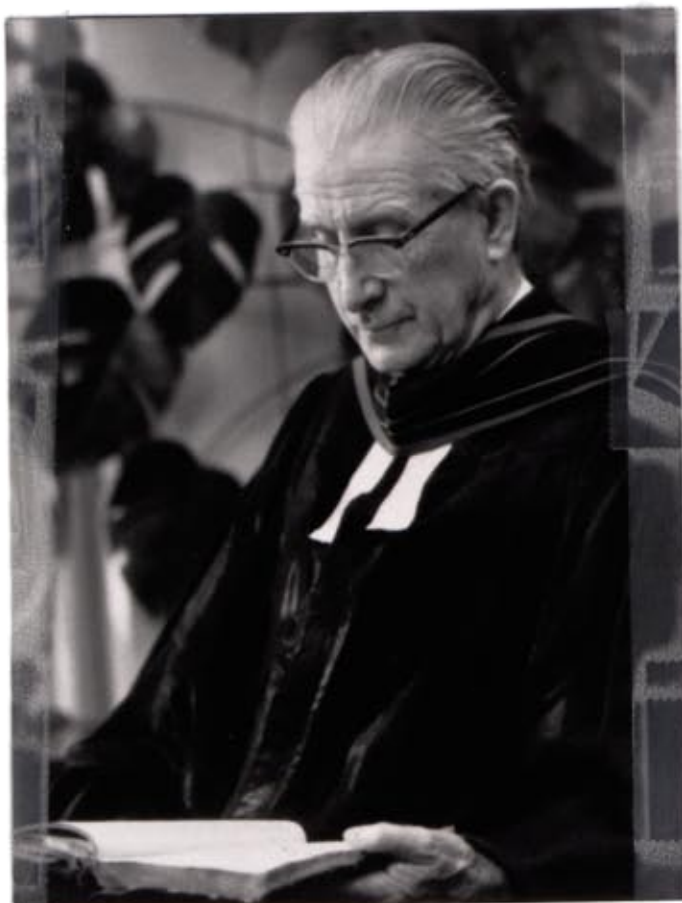
- 1913 March 24 A "Pioneer Dinner" was held at VanDusen's Hall. The main dish was "Chicken Pie, the substantial so much in evidence in early days".
- 1913 fall Supply ministers
- 1913 Dec. 1 to
Dec. 14, 1914 Rev. George E. Morley stayed for a year and was then called to a church in Stratford. All does not seem to have gone smoothly during his ministry. December 13, 1913, after church, the pastor stated that choir members had resigned. A new choir leader was appointed. December 21st the Pastor requested purchase of 25 copies of the Canadian Hymnal, to be used morning and evening. On January 22, 1914 the Annual Meeting decided to continue use of Congregational Hymnals at morning service, Canadian Hymnal at evening service.
- 1914 Jan. 22 Annual Meeting - decided to purchase a parsonage.
- 1914 Apr. 9 A formal request was made to the Western Union of Congregational Churches meeting in London that arrangements be made for Mr. Morley's ordination. This took place June 1st in Scotland.
- 1915 April 1 Nothing to do directly with Scotland but the United Brethren Churches expressed a desire to unite with the Western Union and delegates from Scotland were instructed to vote in favour.
- 1915 April 1
to Nov. 1917 Rev. Arthur J. Orr of Woodstock was invited for one year and began April 11. On January 26, 1916, at the Annual Meeting, he was given a permanent call.
- 1915 Sept. 15 The tower was examined and felt unsafe. James Ripley & Son examined it and decided it could be repaired.
- 1915 Oct. 31 Western Union met in Scotland
- 1916 April Extending basement northward discussed
- 1916 May 21 It was decided that summer services would be covered by an exchange with the Scotland Baptist Church
- 1917 Jan 4 A bequest of \$1,500 from the late Wm Taylor (1845-1916), was announced, Jos. Taylor (1863-1946) who was to administer it, expressed a desire to purchase a new organ.
- 1917 Sept 17 Harvest Home Services held
- (The Fall meeting of the Western Union in Kitchener asked all churches to raise ministers salaries because of inflation)

- 1918 Mar 24
to July 1925 Rev. Andrew E. Mann of Lower Selma N. S. was called on January 24, 1918 at a salary of \$700 a year with free manse and some holidays; the church to pay freight charges on household goods and transportation for family - he accepted. His resignation in 1925 was due to illness. Emily Mann, a daughter, married Ralph Eddy.
- 1919 Sept 21 The Presbyterian Church in Mt. Pleasant approached Scotland to see whether one minister could serve both churches.
- 1921 Jan 21 Annual Meeting - the pastor's salary was set at \$1,000.
- 1922 Feb. 2 The Secretary was instructed to write Norwich Church to see if any Methodist Church could be added to the circuit as Scotland can only raise \$800 for the pastor.
- 1922 Feb. 22 There was a meeting at Scotland with representatives from Burford, Fairfield, Northfield and Kelvin. The only possibility was to go with Kelvin circuit - five churches and two pastors - the matter was dropped.
- 1923 May 4 A unanimous vote in favour of Church Union
- 1925 July to
June 1926 Rev. L. C. Gosling resigned from his former church because it voted anti-union. It appears that when he resigned it was because he could not live on this salary of \$800.00 a year.
- 1925 Nov Scotland applied for grants to supplement pastors salary.
- 1926 Jan 3 Approached by Oakland about joining forces. A consulting committee was appointed. It seems this fell through because both churches had manses and wanted the pastor to reside in their community.
- 1926 Feb. A letter to General Secretary was sent pleading financial need and requesting the addition of another church.
- 1926 March Letter to Harry Nixon (a politician) urging him to oppose re-opening the Church union question.
- 1926 May 11 An appeal for funds to re-shingle the church was made. Hydro was to be installed in the church and the Church chimney to be rebuilt.

- 1926 Northfield was added to the Scotland Charge by action of Presbytery.
- 1926 or 1927 to 1929 Rev. George I. Stephenson. The church was now to provide a furnished manse and as the furniture in the manse was for sale he purchased same for \$175.00.
- 1927 Sept. The Hunter family, Arthur, Mrs. Lena Bronson and Charles D. Hunter, offered to cover half the cost of installing new seating and cork linoleum and re-decorating as a memorial to their parents. The offer was accepted on September 28. The old pews were donated to the school to be placed in the upper school room for the use of school and church. This would be at the Continuation School gym across from the church.
- 1928 Last service of the year and first in New Year was cancelled because of the flu epidemic.
- 1929 July to 1934 Rev. J. C. Davidson was inducted as minister but had to resign due to failing eyesight. He had a daughter named "True" who became active in municipal politics near Toronto. She was Mayor of Mimico.
- 1934 July to Oct 1938 Rev. Earl B. Eddy (1902-1985) was called on April 22. Rev. Eddy had lived in Scotland for a time as a boy and was the son of John B. Eddy, postmaster at Scotland before the turn of the century. Rev. Eddy was the first minister to introduce a children's story into the Sunday Service.
- 1939 July to Apr. 1941 Rev. Wray McKnight. His wife was ill and died while he served at Scotland. He left to join the Armed Forces Chaplaincy.



1941 July to
June 1946



Rev. Wilfrid Burbidge

Rev. Wilfrid Arnold Burbidge, B.A., B.D., ordained in 1923. The Burbidges had been missionaries in Korea after serving in a number of parishes in Nova Scotia. Even before the war with Japan began, Christian Church activity was quite severely restricted there. Mrs. Burbidge and their three children returned to Canada some time in 1940. Mr. Burbidge, along with some other male missionaries, stayed and was under house arrest for some months and later were repatriated. Rev. Burbidge died in Toronto on October 7th 1978 at 81 yrs. Their three children are; Margaret, who married Charles B. Hunter, son of Charles D. Hunter and Kate Halliday Hunter; Allison, who until his retirement was Director of Education in Haldimand/Norfolk and lives in Port Dover; John, who entered the ministry of the United Church as a candidate from Scotland, the first such candidate after Church Union. He left the ministry to pursue strictly an academic career and teaches at Trent University, Philosophy Department.



On the left is Captain, The Rev. Roger C. Nunn, Chaplain of the Princess Pats, who had just returned home to Scotland from service in the Korean Conflict. Illness forced his return in 1951. In the picture, besides Captain Nunn, is Mrs. Nunn a graduate of McMaster; Emily Jane 8; Bernard 6; Robert 12.

1946 July
to 1950



Rev. Roger Nunn
(Rodger)

Rev. Rodger C. Nunn was appointed while still on leave due to service in the Armed Forces Chaplaincy. The Nunns had also gone to Korea as missionaries and were in language school when the situation became tense. They left almost at once because they had a very young family. Mrs. Nunn's father was a minister, originally in the Presbyterian Church, and was said to have been the model for one of Ralph Connor's characters. Their three children were Robbie, now a professor in St. Catharines, Emily and Bernard. Mrs. Nunn lives in Ottawa. When in her sixties, she spent several years as a teacher of English in Yokohama, Japan.

Rev. Burbridge of Grace United in Hamilton dedicated a communion table on Dec. 31st 1950. It was given to the Church by Miss Willena Foster in memory of her parents, Wm and E. Margaret Hay Foster. At this time the Rev. A. Youmans was supply minister and also officiated at the presentation.

1951 June
to June 1957

Rev. W. A. Burbidge (second term). For a minister to return for a 2nd pastorate is a measure of the high esteem in which he was held. Scotland United celebrated its 120th on October 16th, 1955 featuring Dr. and Mrs. W.E. Strangway, missionaries on furlough from Angola. On March 21st 1954, the congregation held a dedication service for their new hall.

1957 - 1958

Rev. George Mundy

1958 - 1962

Rev. Lorne A. Knox. He resigned for health reasons.

1963 - 1974



Rev. Erla Currey. She retired in Scotland and maintained contact with the church until her death. Her brother was also a minister and ended his career at Wesley Church in Brantford. He bought Mr. Hay's house after Willena Foster's death in 1967.

Erla Currey - Died 7 Jan 1985 at 74 years

1974 to
Sept. 1979

Rev. Alan Bennett. The Bennetts spent a term in Zambia as missionaries. They moved to St. Catharines and then to Belleville.

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MR. ROY REAYELY, HARLEY



Rev. Alan Bennett
Minister 1974-1979

1979 Oct. to
June 1980

Supplies

1980 - 1988

Rev. Ralph Garbe. He is now serving a charge in the London Conference.

1990 July

Rev. James and Rev. Eleanore Johanson

Through the minutes it is possible to follow developments from the time the church barn was built in 1919 until it was sold in 1947;



Church barn at the left.

- 1895 Aug 29 Monthly Meeting minutes show an item concerning repair of the Church sheds.
- 1895 Oct. 3 Report that a work bee did the necessary shingling - 1000 shingles bought off J. A. Eddy are unpaid for. The question of more sheds was also discussed.
- 1895 Oct 31 A building committee was set up to negotiate for the Forester's sheds in Oakland, Ladies Aid to provide funds.
- 1896 Annual meeting, report of Sheds Committee: payment for sheds \$45.00, shingles and lumber \$37.33, Total cost - nails, labour etc. \$138.45 paid by Ladies Aid.
- 1897 Sept. 30 Woodshed to be built on outside of church shed.
- 1897 Oct. 10 Woodshed to be built under the shed.
- 1897 Nov. 3 Shed Committee: will build additional stalls, if Ladies Aid will pay for them.
- 1919, Sept 19 It was decided to build a church barn to replace the church sheds and to solicit funds for this purpose.
- 1919 October Subscription List Total of \$885.00 for the barn.
- There is no report of the actual building but comments in the annual Meeting minutes of January 1920 show that it was in use.
- 1922 Feb. 2 The Building Committee was authorized to dispose of old sheds. They were then engaged in a project to enlarge the basement and needed money - they planned to borrow in order to complete it.
- 1947 Jan. 17 The Annual Meeting confirmed the sale of the church barn, and land it occupied, to Art Campbell. He lived just west of the church at the time and wanted it as storage for his trucks, as well as for storage of his equipment and supplies used in his spray painting business. In the summer of 1954, a fire destroyed the barn and nearly resulted in the loss of the church and the new Hall, which had just been built. Only the fact that the Scotland Fire Department had recently acquired a new and powerful truck equipped with a fog nozzle saved it by keeping the church's buildings dampened down. The paint was blistered in some places by the intense heat. The barn had been used, not only by the parishioners, but by students attending the Continuation School, who used a horse and buggy to travel to and from school.

- 1977 Feb. 9 Discussions were held regarding the purchase of a house west of Church, the former Campbell residence.
- 1977 Mar 16 The primary reason for purchasing the property was "to regain possession of the former church barn site which was sold to the adjoining property owner a considerable number of years ago". Art Campbell had then sold his house and lot which also included the land of the barn site, and built a new house on the lot next west to his old property. The church now realized they needed the land for parking, and to restore a reasonable shape to the lot.
- 1977 Apr 25 The property next west to the church is to be repaired and sold with the land, less the section at the north end of the church property, and not retained for a manse.
- 1977 May 10 Application for a severance is to come before the Committee of Adjustment on May 18, 1977. The severance was granted and the property resold, though in the end it cost several thousand dollars to regain this small piece of land. The church had taken a significant mortgage to finance the purchase, and property values slumped just as they were trying to sell.

Other historical items of interest;

On May 11, 1930 W. H. Taylor was nominated Clerk of Session due to the death of Melvin Halliday. Mr. Taylor was the M.P. for Norfolk and later became a Senator. He was the grandson of the Wm Taylor, whose bequest had paid for a new organ in the 1920's. Senator Taylor served until sometime in the 1970's and then Charles B. Hunter, grandson of Melvin Halliday, assumed the office.

The years 1930 to 1932 brought problems in financing. Canvasses were conducted and there was talk of discontinuing evening services for economy reasons.

In 1931, at the Annual Meeting, it was decided that gowns were to be bought for the choir and this was done. The Young People's group bought a piano for use in the church.

The Annual Meeting held on January 24, 1934 issued a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith for a gift of land adjoining the church.

In 1942, the steeple was again repaired with a gift from Miriam and Horace Foster, in memory of their father Herbert Foster (1857-1942) who, for many years, rang the church bell daily and three times

on Sunday morning - 6:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. His wife was Ada Elizabeth Horning (1862-1938), a sister of Abram Binkley Horning (1865-1938). Herbert Foster's sister was Effie Foster Smith, wife of E. L. Smith (1868-1944) of Smith's Mills, Lower Oakland.

On December 28, 1952 John Burbidge, son of the Reverend Burbidge, was endorsed as a candidate for the ministry.

On January 15, 1953 at the Annual Meeting, a committee was appointed to draw up plans for a Church Hall.

On January 15, 1954 the Annual Meeting was held in new Church Hall - it was dedicated in March 1954.

On January 1, 1964, Fairfield was added to the Scotland Charge. Harley had been added in the 1930's.

The new Church Hall was made available to many community groups and organizations, to the Cubs and Scouts as their meeting place, the Public School used it as a gym, and for use by the Brant County Health Unit for their Clinics and other programs.

In 1985, the 150th Anniversary, a further addition, including a new entrance way and lobby on the east side, washrooms, a minister's study and classroom was added. It was for the 125th that the church had been redecorated and the floor carpeted. A new electric organ had also been installed.

Three
Generations
of Active
Church
Workers



Melvin Halliday, Kate Halliday,
Mrs. Halliday - Melvin served
as Clerk of Session



Kate Halliday Hunter (1886-1971), Charles Dean Hunter

Lower
Margaret Burbidge Hunter,
Charles B. Hunter (Margaret
is the daughter of the Rev.
Wilfred Burbidge)





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Top (L to R)
Barbara Skinner Horning
(1864-1954), Abram
Binkley Horning
(1865-1938)

Centre
Arvin J. Horning,
Gertrude I. (Messecar)
Horning (1901-1977),
Alex S. Horning (1902-
1975), Mary E. Horning
(married Keith Poss)

Lower
Enid Horning

UCW Activities

1977

1978 - UCW President
Mrs. Ellen Arthur1981 - UCW President
Mrs. Shirley Campbell

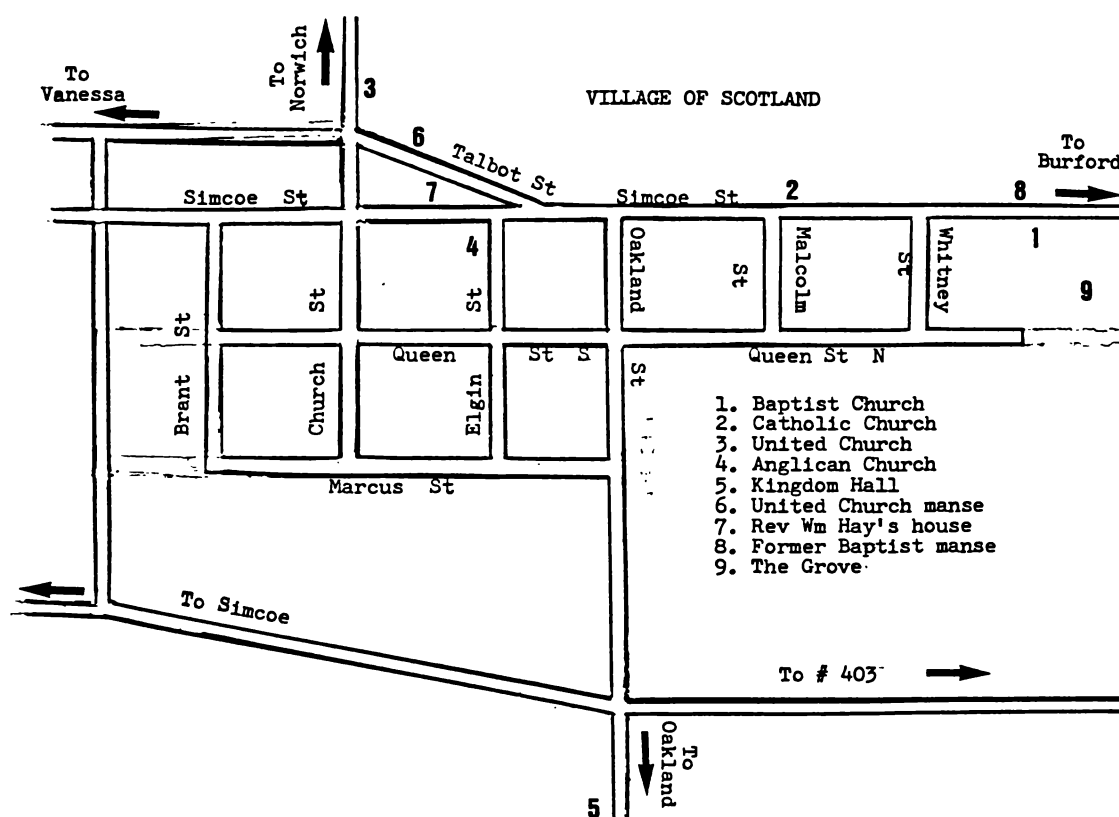
The UCW has regularly featured an annual Valentine Tea and sale with upward to 200 attending. ~~Shown~~, in 1977, is president Jeanette Shaver, on the right, together with convenor Bertha Battram on the left. Long time members Mrs. Ola Shellington, Miss Miriam Foster, Mrs. Hiles and Mrs. Graves assisted at the tea.

MISSION BAND

The following was reported in the S.P.S. Kopyrite, October 5th, 1945 edition:

About fourteen members of the Scotland Mission Band with their leader Mrs. Art. Campbell and her assistant Mrs. W.A. Burbidge and Mrs. Ralph Fink met at Scotland United Church on Monday October 1st.

They opened their meeting with the purpose. Elizabeth Rock and Doreen Taylor had the worship service. The collection was taken by Judy Van Exan and Teddy Baker which amounted to forty cents. Marilyn Van Exan, Secretay, read the minutes and called the roll call. The President, Marilyn Fink, conducted the business. A recitation by Shirley Fink was then given. Mrs. Burbidge told the story "Nianga's Two Villages". The meeting closed with a hymn followed by a prayer.



During the Reverend Bennett's tenure at Scotland Pastoral Charge, 1974 to 1979, the church printed a booklet featuring the pictures of the congregational membership. In his forwarding remarks, the Rev. Bennett had these comments;

Dear Friends:

A congregation is like a family. In our case, we have three families in one pastoral charge. Each one is a little different from the other, and yet we share many things in common. Foremost among these is our commitment to build God's Kingdom by helping to spread His love throughout our separate communities.

This booklet will help us, I hope, to become more familiar with each other and thereby foster an even greater sense of unity on our charge. It will also make it easier for others, not of our charge, to see at a glance the families which make up our three congregations.

All of us, with good reason, are proud of our Scotland Pastoral Charge, and it is my hope that this Photo Directory will be an incentive for all of us to grow stronger in our purpose as God's people.

(for further biographies of the ministers, refer to the APPENDIX)



Ellen & Tom Arthur & Family



Bertha & Kenneth Battram



Vickie & Robert Campbell & Family



Doris & Eldridge Currey



Miriam Foster



Helen & Oscar Gibson



Margaret Kaufman



Reta Malcolm



Margaret & Karl McEwan



Annie Mitchell



Alice & Tom Osborne



Vera & William Ritchie & Family



Ola Shellington



Blanche & John Shepherd & Family



Shirley & O'Clair Sweers



Pearl VanDusen



William Taylor



Leta & Leon Welsh

Baptists

In compliance with the wishes of the Baptist friends in the village of Scotland and vicinity, an Evangelical Council of ministers and laymen convened at the Baptist Chapel, at Oakland, on May 26, 1848 to organize a Regular Baptist Church. The following churches were represented;

Ancaster	Deacon J. Heneabaugh and Brother P. Vansekle
Blenham	Rev. H. Fitch, Rev. H. Pickle, Deacon Burgis, Brothers Bennet and Snow
Oakland	Wm Haviland and M. Woodley
Charlotteville	Geo Calamine
St. George	Rev. Daniel Babcock, Deacon C. Smith, Geo Patten, Charles Kitchen and H. Paton
First Brantford Church	Rev. J. Winterbotham, Deacon Wm Moyle

Elder Fitch was chosen Moderator and Elder Babcock, secretary. Elder Smith, being present, was invited to take part in the deliberations. Brother Wm Thompson was chosen on the part of the Brethren of Scotland as their representative to the Council when thirty-nine Brethren and Sisters were then recognized as a Gospel Church.

The Constitution, principles and practices of the Regular Baptist Denomination were read and unanimously adopted after which the Council;

"Resolved to proceed with the organization in the following manner; Rev. H. Babcock to preach the organization sermon, Rev. Wm Smith to give the Charge to the Church, Rev. F. Pickle to give the Right Hand of Fellowship and the Rev. H. Fitch to give the Benediction".

The Church was composed of two branches, one of the First Brantford and the other of the Oakland Church.

Previous to the recognition, Brother Caleb Merritt (1798-1874) a farmer on lot 3 concession II northeast of the village was appointed Deacon. Immediately after the recognition, the Rev. Wm Smith received a call from the church and took pastoral charge for one year, labouring faithfully and to some extent profitably.

After Rev Smith's pastorate ended records show the following;

Elder Lake - served a few months
 Elder Wood - served a short time
 Elder Leach - received a call and took Pastoral Charge for
 one year
 Brother Wm Thompson was appointed Deacon

In May 1852, Elder Slaght was called. During his pastorate the following list of members were received, between March 1st and May 28, 1853:

March 1st	Mrs. Gladen Miss Sarah A. Merritt (1836-1922) Mrs. E. Whitney (1795-1882)
March 2nd	James Bond Aurilla Hunt Rebecca Hunt Lois Hunt
March 5th	Mrs. Hooker & Pursus Malcolm
6th	Mrs. L. Thompson
7th	Mrs. Holt & Charlotte Holt
8th	Thomas Merritt, Phoebe Merritt (1840-1924) and George Hoover
19th	Lavitia Holt and Mrs. Smith
20th	Geo Hoover, Thos Merritt
April 2nd	Augusta Skelly
16th	Lewis Holt
May 1st	Mrs. B. Whitney (by letter) Bartly Whitney

Elder Winterbotham received a call and Brother C. Hilborn and Wm Whitney were made Deacons. Brother Thompson resigned as Clerk and Brother C. Kilborn became the new Clerk.

On October 1, 1856 Rev. B. H. Carryer was called - he was not yet ordained.

December 1, 1856 moved by Brothers Kelly seconded by Benjamin Merritt (1835-1919) that a Council be called to ordain Brother Carryer. The churches invited to the ordination were: Bloomsburg, Brantford, Second Brantford, Waterford and Boston. The Council met and Mr. Carryer was ordained.



Circa 1918
 The Merritt family were avid Baptists and strong supporters of their church. Caleb Merritt (1798-1874) was appointed first Deacon. His son, Ben (1835-1919), followed in his footsteps as did Clark, 1880-1949, Ben's son. On the left, left to right, Clark, Gordon, Clara and Benjamin Merritt.

During the tenure of the Rev. Carryer, the revised church roll lists its members as follows:

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| 1. Thomas Nunnick (1808-1865)
farmer L2 CXIV Burford Twp | 29. Mrs. C. Whitney |
| 2. Mary Nunick (1808-1879) | 30. Aurilla Hunt |
| 3. Lewis Whitney (1789-1873) | 31. Lois Hunt |
| 4. Sarah Whitney (1795-1882) | 32. Miss P. Malcolm |
| 5. William Whitney | 33. Mrs. L. Thompson |
| 6. William Skelley (1809-1871) | 34. Mrs. Holt |
| 7. Mrs. William Skelley | 35. Thomas Merritt |
| 8. Mrs. Westbrook | 36. George Hoover |
| 9. Caleb Merritt (1798-1874) | 37. Mrs. M. Smith |
| 10. Mrs. Hannah Merritt (1809-1890) | 38. Augusta Skelley |
| 11. William Thompson | 39. Lewis Holt (1832-1915) |
| 12. John McIntyre | 40. Mrs. Hooker |
| 13. Mrs. J. McIntyre | 41. Cyrus Hilborn |
| 14. Daniel Smith (1829-1904) | 42. Maria Hilborn |
| 15. Mrs. C. Smith | 43. Mrs. M. Brownlee |
| 16. Francis Fairchild (1820-1897) | 44. Mrs. French |
| 17. Eleanor Sayles | 45. A. McDermid |
| 18. Mrs. Mary Brown | 46. S. W. McDermid |
| 19. Mrs. Jane Fairchild | 47. Catherine Passmore |
| 20. Mrs. White | 48. Charlotte Holt |
| 21. John Skelley | 49. Miss P. C. Merritt |
| 22. Mrs. Skelley | 50. Mrs. Riley |
| 23. Mrs. Buzzo | 51. Mrs. E. Eadie |
| 24. Isaac B. Merritt (1830-1911)
farmer l.2 and 3 c.XIII
Burford Twp. | 52. Mrs. Mary Smith |
| 25. Mrs. I. Merritt (1835-1900) | 53. Jessy Henney |
| 26. Mrs. McDermid | 54. Mrs. L. Henney |
| 27. Mrs. Marquis | 55. Mary Holt |
| 28. Sarah Ann Merritt (1836-1922) | |

The number of members, up to the 1st day of October 1855, now in good standing stood at 55.

On April 1, 1860 the Rev. T. H. Smith tendered his letter of resignation and, on April 23rd, he died at the parsonage in Scotland. The Rev. Smith was 33 yrs. 3m 1d of age. He is buried at Scotland cemetery. His wife Mary E. Guyatt (1837-1922) and daughter Mima (1856-1915) are buried at Scotland.

On September 1, 1860 Brother Albert Hooker (1818-1899) joined the Church.

On November 7, 1860 a special meeting at the parsonage decided:

"not to continue public worship on the sabbath after the last Sabbath in this month, until a suitable person could be found to settle among us a resident Pastor"

On December 31, 1868, New Years Eve, a Tea Meeting was held to raise money with \$137.65 realized.

The Church had a subscription list for the pastor's salary and a Committee responsible both for obtaining and collecting subscriptions.

The Burford Church was affiliated with Scotland and together the two churches supported one pastor.

In 1869, the congregation experienced difficulty in meeting the Rev. J. E. Vining's salary. The Congregation were anxious for him to stay and tried to raise the funds for this purpose.

A committee, set up to interview persons wishing to become members, asked the candidates to wait for a period of time after the original request, usually one month. It was a practice for members to be called to give an account of themselves as to why they were not attending services regularly, or concerning reports of conduct in daily life considered to be inappropriate for church members. Some were expelled or erased, others were simply dropped. Some of those expelled expressed a desire to mend their ways and continue to be connected with the church. They were permitted to do so.

The 1869 annual Sunday School picnic, held in the nearby grove owned by Eliakim Malcolm, saw a large attendance. The Oaklanders made a very fine display, there being some twenty carriages and several four-horse teams in the procession to Scotland.

In 1883, the parsonage needed repairs. There was an attempt to rent a house for the newly called pastor, Rev. J. B. Moore.

In October of 1884, the new parsonage opened.

In 1888, the annual New Years tea meeting is still mentioned in the minutes as being held.

In January of 1889, the Annual Meeting decided that 100 copies of the financial report should be printed and circulated.

On December 9, 1891, it was decided that no other churches were to be allowed to canvass members or make appeals, except on a recommendation of the Deacons and the Pastor. The need for a new Church building was foreseen and so it was decided to form a Ladies Aid group.

In November 1892, the Burford Congregation wished to call a Pastor, even though Scotland was quite satisfied with Rev. A. Slaght as supply. He had been asked to continue "as long as was mutually agreeable" by the Scotland congregation.

In January, 1893, at the Annual Meeting, a decision to build a new church to replace the old frame building, erected on the north hill about 1850, passed with some reservations. There was a good deal of controversy concerning whether the new church building should be on the old site, on the hill, or built in the village. Elder Cohoe, Wm Nunnick and J. Silverthorne drove to Springford to inspect the new Baptist Church there and they, as a committee, visited other churches to get ideas for their proposed construction project.

Minutes of February 12, 1894 recorded the possibility of obtaining a lot in the village from Dr. Glassford for \$125.00.

On February 28, 1894 Walter E. Hooker (1854-1931) was appointed Clerk. At this meeting, there were several motions and amendments concerning the site of the new structure. Finally a vote was taken with forty-one voting for the new site, thirty-four for the old site. So a new site in the village was decided upon, but with the rider that there would not be any extra costs for removal of sheds and other incidentals. Finally, a motion that "if no suitable lot was found available in the village "the majority would fall in with the minority concerning the site" passed without opposition.

In July of 1894, the official cornerstone laying attracted a large crowd. While historical records are not clear, it appears the new brick structure was built on the old site with John Silverthorne being one of the builders. The old frame building found another use, by Mr. Moss, as a harness shop, followed by Paul Urban. The corner-stone has a date bearing July 17 AD 1894.



Scotland Regular Baptist Church

On February 18, 1895, the Annual Meeting was held. Disbursements for the new building during the year were \$4335.23.

On March 14, 1895, the new furnace got a test by Mr. Mott, personally. The temperature did not go above 53 degrees. Mott and Turnbull were asked to remove the furnace since it did not perform adequately. Inquiries were made of J. D. Murdoch of Simcoe concerning installation of another furnace.

On April 25, 1895 Mr. Mott and Turnbull claimed that the problem was a defective ceiling, not the furnace.

On June 13, 1895, after receiving legal advice, officials of the church demanded that Mr. Mott and Turnbull remove the furnace by July 20th. No conclusion to the matter is recorded.

In September 1896, felt paper was applied to the ceiling as a corrective measure to the heating problem.

On December 3, 1899, church records show 132 members, an increase of 13. The debt on the building remained at \$650.00. James McCombs was appointed the new Clerk.

On January 17, 1901, at the Annual Meeting, the membership is shown at 136. All financial obligations were met, BYPU had \$29.83 on hand and were asked to donate \$25.00 to building fund. Sunday School had \$31.00 on hand.

A Finance Committee was appointed as follows: J. C. Nunnick, I. B. Merritt, Brother A. Slaght, Brother John Silverthorn, Brother J. A. McCombs, Brother R. H. Miles, Brother Clark Merritt and Brother W. M. Smith.

On January 27, 1901, the Baptist Association was invited to meet with Scotland Church.

On March 10, 1901, three additional Trustees were appointed to act with Trustees already appointed; for property maintenance only. The property was not to be sold, extended or encumbered without a concensus.

On June 13 and 14, 1901, the Fifth Annual gathering of the Oxford and Brant Association of Baptist Churches met at the Regular Baptist Church in Scotland. The Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Murdoch and the Clerk, Rev. W. H. Cline, attended.

On December 15, 1901, it is recorded that the New Years tea meeting had not been held the previous year. There had been a canvas instead. It was decided to do the same during the current year.

On January 17, 1902, at the Annual Meeting, the membership of the church was reported to be 119 with all financial obligations met. The proceeds from an oyster supper went to the building fund.

On December 12, 1902, it was decided to have a tea meeting because no garden party had been held.

On February 10, 1903, at the Annual Meeting, the issue of the debt received a high priority. In order to pay off the debt on the church building, a committee was struck to canvass for funds and, hopefully, pay off the debt in three years.

On January 28, 1904, at the Annual Meeting, the membership was reported at 120 - revenue \$627.10. The BYPU had \$43.73 in savings and were asked to donate \$27 towards interest on building fund plus another \$10 to the organ fund. The Women's Mission Circle raised \$88 for missions work.

On March 8, 1904, the church Treasurer was owed \$60 as he had paid bills out of his own pocket. It was decided to take up a free will offering at a special service on the 2nd Sunday in April to cover the outstanding debt.

On January 15, 1905, the Annual Meeting was held. The average Sunday School attendance was 65. The BYPU were to donate \$30 raised from an oyster supper to church expenses.

On May 4, 1906, Walter E. Hooker moved and I. B. Merritt seconded that the Pastor's salary be raised from \$400 to \$500.

On May 6, 1906, be it resolved that; "whereas Scotland and Burtch Baptist Churches have by unanimous resolutions mutually agreed to cooperate in their work under one pastor, the Scotland Church now declares itself to have entered cordially into such arrangements, trusting that the blessing of Our Heavenly Father may rest upon the work of the two churches. Moved by deacon Isaac B. Merritt seconded by John Silverthorn (1854-1941) and carried unanimously" (It is not recorded when Scotland discontinued its special relationship with Burford).

On January 31, 1907, the Annual Meeting was held with membership at 126 - revenue \$1,128.50 (including \$280.80 toward debt) - expenses \$1,312.27 - the Treasurer owed \$184.27 - BYPU had 41 members.

On December 1, 1907, the Church was to meet with village officials about the possibility of getting a new sidewalk, as the present one is in an unsafe state of repair.

On February 20, 1908, the Annual Meeting was held. The deficit of \$61.02 shows on the books, also the Pastor was owed \$78.06 on salary. A committee of church ladies, appointed to raise money, set about their task.

On January 7, 1909, the Annual Meeting was held with membership at 129 - balance on hand \$16.00.

On November 7, 1909, Harvey Merritt asked for a letter of recommendation to the Gospel Ministry.

On January 2, 1910, "The Committee recommends the removal of the church building at the earliest possible date to the best location available; that the present property be used as an asset to this end by sale or security and that every effort be made to rebuild free of debt. Unanimously carried".

On January 10, 1910, the Annual Meeting was held - balance on hand \$93.33. According to the minutes, a new building lot had been purchased. Deacons; Isaac B. Merritt (1830-1911), Morgan Silverthorn (1832-1915), Joseph C. Nunnick (1848-1937), John Silverthorn (1854-1941).

On January 16, 1910 "To advertise for tenders for the removal of the church to the lot recently purchased in the village".

On January 12, 1911, the Annual Meeting was held with a membership of 118; Balance on hand \$74.48 - BYPU \$105.

On March 19, 1911, the disposal of the new lot and grounds received attention at a special meeting. The matter had been laid over one week. There was an amendment which carried 24 to 2, with disposal of the new lot to be in the hands of the trustees who had purchased it, namely Walter E. Hooker (1854-1931), John Silverthorn (1854-1941), James Elliot & Brother W. M. Smith. Carried.

On January 18, 1912, the Annual Meeting was held. Through the sale of church property in the village and subscriptions, collections reached \$2,381.15 while \$2,393.74 was spent.

On December 29, 1912, it was decided to build new sheds.

In January 1913, the Annual Meeting was held. Financial matters show the cost of a new well at \$300 - a deficit of \$66.41 - arrears on Pastor's salary \$80.00. Due to oversight, no finance committee had been appointed. The Pastor urged the envelope system of raising funds for his salary. A Building Committee for new sheds was appointed.

On May 23, 1913, the Sheds Committee had a meeting and concluded \$1000.00 would finish the project. It was decided to build, using corrugated iron roofing. Tenders were to be advertised with the church providing materials. The building would face west and Mr. Culbert to be approached regarding the purchase of more land.

On June 1, 1913, a resolution was passed "that we as a church purchase a part of the grove adjoining the church property for the sum of one hundred and fifty \$150.00. Unanimously Carried".

The grove at the back of the church had a natural setting for beautification and recreational use. Many picnics, summer outings and gala outdoor events, complete with bands, together with races, football, baseball and garden parties have been held there. To the north of the church is a cemetery which is well maintained and holds the remains of the early pioneers of Scotland and district. The land was donated by Eliakim "Liak" Malcolm. Burials occurred as early as 1847. The upkeep of the Scotland Cemetery was later put in the hands of Oakland Township Council.

On January 15, 1914, the Annual Meeting was held - revenues \$1,061.70 - expenses \$1,043.76 with a balance of \$18.01. Raised for shed construction \$852.05 - spent \$838.79 with a balance of \$13.26.

On January 28, 1915, the Annual Meeting was held - paid in for sheds \$189.01, spent \$18.45 with a balance of \$170.56.

On January 6, 1916, the Annual Meeting was held - raised \$1,116.47 - expenses \$959.18 with a balance of \$157.22. For the shed receipts totalled \$323.56, paid off \$300 note - other expenses \$19.56 with a balance of \$4.00.

On February 6, 1916, the Pastor L. H. Vail asked that action be taken regarding a new organ which resulted in a committee being appointed.

On January 8, 1918, the Annual Meeting was held - membership totalled 104.

On January 9, 1918, the day following the Annual Meeting, another meeting was held. Confidence was expressed in Mr. Vail as pastor and sympathy extended regarding the high cost of living. It was decided to raise his salary to six hundred dollars per annum.

On November 10, 1918, it was decided to purchase Victory Bonds (World War I) from revenue received from the Taylor estate.

On January 13, 1921, the Annual Meeting was held. The parsonage was repaired and a new furnace installed at a cost of \$935.80. Jack Silverthorn became the Clerk.

In August and September of 1921, the services were held in the basement while the church was redecorated. It re-opened with special services on September 25th.

On January 12, 1922, the Annual Meeting was held. It was decided to purchase an organ. Russell Shellington (1884-1974) became Clerk, acting until June 1924, when E. W. Woodley was chosen.

On September 21, 1924 the Rev. Thos L. White was called.

In January 1926, the Annual Meeting minutes imply that the church had been wired for electricity the previous year at a cost of just over \$500. The Sunday School average attendance stood at 86.

In November 1927, the Rev. White left the denomination and Scotland Baptist Church because of the "Shields" controversy. He organized the Independent Baptist Church, a splinter group.

On January 26, 1928, Pastor Batty of McMaster was called. He was ordained September 28, 1928 at Scotland.

On March, 1931, the Rev. C. C. Anderson of Galt was called. He arrived on April 1, 1931 remaining until 1937.

On January 11, 1934, the Annual Meeting was held - arrears for 1932 taxes amounted to \$32; for 1933 - \$40.50; roofing \$4.00; Pastor's salary - \$64.00. The Officers were to be elected by ballot, the first to be by nomination unless one person has a clear majority. Services were held in the basement in the cold weather and caretaking duties were shared, month about, Pastor Anderson taking his turn during January. The offering at the Annual Meeting was \$1.95. It was decided to reduce the pastor's salary by \$25.00 from \$325 to \$300.

1936 - The Ladies met with the Ladies of the United Church for a World Day of prayer services.

Reverend Charles Clayton Anderson - a quote from "A Pioneer History of South Brant" by Walter Burrage:

"Born in Midgic, New Brunswick in 1872, he taught school at Dorchester, N. B., attended the Dalhousie Law School in Halifax, then McMaster University at Hamilton and graduated in Theology in 1900. He was ordained in the Baptist Ministry at Iona Station, where he married Lititia Ross.

He held Pastorates at Pembroke, Langham, (Sask.), Harrow, Cheltenham, Jerseyville, Meaford, New Hamburg, Drumbo, Wolverton, Clinton, Auburn, Langton, Galt, Scotland and Burtch and Brantford. He was a very determined man and a very forceful speaker. One day, when fixing the parsonage roof, he fell and broke two of his ribs. He went into the house, put on his wife's corsets, and went back to work. He was in great demand as a speaker, and he seemed to delight in attending Auction sales.

He made many friends in the Scotland, Oakland, and Burtch area. Mr. Anderson died in 1957. He and his wife Lititia Ross are buried in the Scotland cemetery. Their family consisted of two daughters and five sons."



On the left is the Rev. C. C. Anderson and Mrs. Anderson, on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary in Brantford. They had seven children; Glen, Howard and Douglas, all of Brantford; Ross in St. George; Paul in Windsor; Mrs. H. Thompson at Langton; Mrs. Robert Smith living at Kingsville. Glen Anderson married Velma Burrage. Mr. Anderson died on January 20th, 1957.

In 1938, the Congregation was served by a student, Garry Smith, with Helen Brown as organist. The Sunday School Superintendent was Donald Merritt, the pianist, Mrs. H. Markle (1876-1933), and Secretary - Treasurer, Lloyd Shellington. Other organizations connected with the church at that time included the Ladies' Aid and Mission Circle with Mrs. Ernest Smith as President and the Young Ladies' Mission Circle, Miss Lola Markel served as president.

In 1939, it is recorded that \$199 went to the pastor.

In 1941, the Annual Meeting minutes show rink proceeds at \$10.00 on the income side with the proceeds from the rink being used to pay part of the electricity bill. Records do not indicate when the church shed was converted to a skating rink.

In 1943, the Annual Meeting minutes reveal that, in the previous year, an organ had been donated by Dr. & Mrs. Stuart with an expression of thanks for the gift.

In 1945, the sheds were sold, as was the parsonage.

The original parsonage on Simcoe Street north became the property of Oscar Gibson. A red brick house, on the south-west corner of Queen Street, was purchased and used as a parsonage until 1957, then sold. At that time, the Burtch church requested that the pastor live in Burtch. They had been bequeathed a house on the condition that it be used as a parsonage. But the relationship between Scotland and Burtch ended in 1973, Scotland being left on its own. In 1974, Scotland built a parsonage at the back of the church property. This overlapped the former site of the barn, and when the foundation was laid, the old pipes to carry water for flooding the rink were torn up accidentally. Unfortunately, these pipes had been laid from the residence of Charles Campbell. No one realized what had taken place until the Campbells set out to discover why they had no water pressure.

Following, in chronological order, is a list of ministers who served:

1848 Rev. Wm Smith	1915 Rev. Leslie H. Vail
Elder Lake - served a few months	(1915-Jan 1920)
Elder Wood - served a short time	1920 Rev. Douglas Brown
Elder Leach - one year	(1920-Apr 27, 1924)
1852 Elder Slaght	1924 Rev. Thomas L. White
Elder Winterbotham	(1924-Nov 1927) (in 1927 Rev.
1856 Rev. B. H. Carryer	White left the congregation
1859 Rev. T. H. Smith	and formed the Independent
(died Apr. 23, 1860, 33 years)	Baptist Church at Scotland)
1860 Rev. H. Fitch	1928 Pastor William K. Batty
1861 Rev. B. H. Carryer	(Mar 1928-Dec 1930)
1862 Alex Kippen (Licentiate)	1931 Rev. Charles Clayton Anderson
1864 D. S. Burnett (Licentiate)	(1872-1957)
1865 D. B. Montgomery	1938 Gary Smith (student)
1869 Rev. J. E. Vinning	1939 Arthur Homer (student)
(died 5 Aug 1876 at 56 years)	1940 Rev. Arthur Homer
1873 F. H. Griffin	1943 (no minister)
1875 W. S. Walker	1944 Rev. Charles Tarry
1880 T. L. Hyde	1949 Rev. Arthur England
1884 J. B. Moore	1952 Rev. Stanley Medhurst
1887 Rev. C. E. Baker	1954 Rev. Benson Jones
1888 (no minister)	1958 Rev. John Bell
1889 J. G. Hastings	1961 Rev. George Gorman
1892 Rev. A. Slaght (supply)	1967 Rev. Allan J. Parks
1893 Rev D. B. Cohoe	1972 Rev. James McGee
(Jan 1893-Dec 1896)	1974 Pastor John Stevenett

1897 Rev. Chas. W. Cook
 (served until spring 1903)
 1903 (no minister)
 1903 Rev. Charles H. Saunders
 (1903 - Sept. 1909)
 1910 Rev. George N. Simmons
 (Jan 1910-Sept 1915)

1976 Pastor George Cooknell
 1977 Pastor John Bunner
 1981 Pastor Ronald Humphries
 1987 Pastor John Dawson
 1989 Rev. Gordon E. Bonney

SCOTLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

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INDEPENDENT BAPTISTS

A splinter group, the Fellowship Baptists or Independent Baptists, took root at Scotland in 1927. They built a stucco church on Elgin Street the next year.

The Shields debate had been the cause of their split away from the Regular Baptist congregation. T.T. Shields, a Toronto pastor, had accused a local professor of heresy, sparking a heated exchange in the press and subsequent divisiveness within their former church. Those who favoured Shield's stand splintered away.

The first pastor, Reverend T.L. White, renounced the Regular Baptists of the Scotland congregation and lead the new group in a different direction. He was succeeded by the Reverend David Garner, with Mrs. Edith Hill serving as organist. Clayton Barker (1885-1965) held the office of Sunday School Superintendent. Mrs. Norah Howson became the President of the Women's Auxiliary. Rev. C. Wright served this congregation in 1945.

After a number of years, the small congregation disbanded, some re-joined their former church on the hill, selling their church real estate to the Anglicans.



Circa 1955
 Rev Harry Edwards, Pastor of the
 Fellowship Baptist Church

Church of Rome

In the 1930's, with the influx of Central European immigrants, bringing with them their Christian heritage and culture, a need for a Catholic Church in the area became only too apparent. Many people were forced to travel considerable distances to worship, some going to Waterford, others to La Salette or to Brantford.

In 1950, Rev. Philip Duffy, the assistant Priest of St. Basils Church in Brantford, visited the Catholic families, finding a positive response for a local assemblage.

The first mass held at Scotland was in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ficzer, on September 17, 1950. The parish began as a mission of St. Basils of Brantford together with a mission at Mount Pleasant in July, 1951. Thanks to the good Sisters of St. Joseph, from Brantford, the children received religious instruction as well.

The beginnings of the church building occurred when Bishop Ryan blessed and laid the cornerstone on May 25, 1952. On September 28, 1952 Rt. Rev. Monsignor P. J. Maloney, Dean of Brant, officially opened St. Anthony Daniel Church. Monsignor Maloney returned on December 13, 1953 to bless the newly constructed Rectory.



St. Anthony Daniel Church

In his address, Monsignor Maloney urged unity and asked the parishioners "to keep uppermost in their minds always, the fact that a parish is essentially a large family. If they remembered this, the parish would grow and prosper spiritually and materially just as the individual family grows in stature in the eyes of God, if its members never forget His laws. The past thirty-five years stand as a testimony to the faith and love of this parish family. Like many in this parish, our patron St. Anthony Daniel came to Canada as a new Canadian and accepted the challenges of witnessing to the Good News of our salvation. Many have come and gone over the years, but the vitality of a faith-filled community continues".

He continued "we look into the future with confidence as a family centred in Jesus Christ nourished by our sacramental life and prayer. Through Christ we are a people generous with time, talents and gifts. We continue on our journey still struggling to grow, to heal and be healed, to forgive and be forgiven. With His help we pray to be able to see each person as a precious and unique individual as we support and nourish each other within and outside our parish community. For all that has been we give thanks . For all that will be, we say yes. St. Anthony Daniel, pray for us."



Laying the corner-stone May 25th, 1952
The layman shown in the picture, Mr. Charles Ficz ere,
operated Ficziere's grocery store in Scotland.

In the sanctuary for the first mass were Rev. G. M. Ryan, and Rev. Vincent Pickett, Preston. Six Brantford members of the Bishop Ryan General Assembly of Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus provided a guard of honor during the ceremonies.

In the afternoon, Rita Marlene, two week old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Seitz became the first to be baptized in the church.

As expansion in the Parish occurred, renovations were necessary. Many significant improvements followed such as the church bells with chimes, the electric organ, a new roof, a carpet, a new electric lighting for the Sanctuary, the panelling of walls, a new Baptismal font and a new altar of sacrifice.

Rev. Thomas J. Gallagher, who laboured until 1960, came to Scotland from St. John's College where he served as Principal.

Rev. Jerome Meyer, a great outdoorsman, continued the Spirit of Rev. Gallagher.

Rev. Bruce Hartleib came in 1964. During his term, he opened the St. Anthony Daniel School.

Rev. Stephen Stinson came in 1969 and stayed for a year.

Rev. Leonard Berry served for thirteen months, until his death of a heart attack in the Rectory July 1971.

Rev. Raymond King was Pastor from 1971-1975.

Rev. Ron Hodara was Pastor for four years, motorcycling his way around the Parish.

Rev. Arthur Carragher, C. S. Sp. arrived in 1979. During his term, the Vestibule was built in the church, in 1982.

Rev. Dennis Noon, P. P. was appointed Pastor August 27, 1985.

Father Harry Schmuck was appointed in June 1987.

The C. W. L. and the Parish Council are two of the sources of strength in the parish life of the church. After thirty-five years, the Parish shows statistics such as 684 baptisms, 79 marriages and 57 deaths.

With great anticipation, all the members of the Parish welcomed its 35th Anniversary, in 1985. Thanks to the work of Mrs. Julia Shelegy, the history of St. Anthony Daniels was documented, going back to its inception in 1952.



Father Schmuck

Chas Ficzer



Anglicans

St. Mark's Anglican congregation found a home in the former Fellowship Baptist Church. The building, located on Elgin Street, was purchased by interested Anglicans of the Scotland area. They received financial help from the Diocese of Huron. Mr. & Mrs. Jim Van Exan made a contribution towards furnishing the sanctuary and other members of the congregation worked diligently to make the sanctuary suitable for Anglican worship. Arch Deacon C. J. Queen offered leadership and advice towards the augmentation of the congregation and modifications of the church building for Anglican services.

The church opened in 1962, with the dedication on June 19. The late Bishop G. N. Luxton announced that Mr. Arnly Johnson of Burford was to be the "Godfather" of St. Mark's. The late Rev. F. W. Motton was appointed the first incumbent.



Rev. F. W. Motton - first Rector
(receiving the Alms dish)

The first official Board in 1962 was made up of:

Wardens Rector	Mr. James Bowen
People	Mr. Carl Georgian
Lay Delegate to Synod	Mr. Al Smallman
Alternate	Mr. George Padfield
Vestry Clerk	Mrs. Padiann Georgian
Treasurer	Mrs. Sandra House
Board Members	Mrs. Eunice Logan, Mr. and Mrs. James Van Exan, Mr. Gil York, Mrs. Madeline Bowen



St. Mark's Anglican Church

Over the years, improvements have included the construction of a church office, a kitchen, a new well, new front doors, a stained glass window in the vestry and modern washrooms.

Affiliated groups sprung up. An active A. C. W., a Faithful Altar Guild, a small Sunday School, with both men and women serving in the various offices of the church, are three such groups.

St. Marks has an outreach program, its involvement in community work being considerable. On Sunday evenings, the church is used for A. A. meetings, Tuesday and Thursday mornings a nursery school program is available for the children of the village, with concerned mothers of the village providing the leadership.

More specific information surrounding the organization of St. Marks Congregation has been made available by Mrs. Eunice Logan, through Enid Horning who continued the research and made it available.

1962

- February 28 Mr. Arnley Johnson of Burford placed a deposit of \$250 with Gervan Real Estate of Brantford, as a down payment. The following week, Mr. Johnson contacted Bishop Luxton of London.
- March 4 Discussed with Archdeacon C. J. Queen the possibilities of this venture. He brought Archdeacon Queen to see the former Baptist Church. He met at the home of Mr. & Mrs. James Bowen where there were nine families assembled who were interested in forming an Anglican Church.
- March 18 A meeting was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Smallman. Canon Nelles and Archdeacon Queen met with the congregation and held elections. The following week Canon Nelles and Bishop Luxton informed Mr. Johnson that the diocese would accept the building, if the congregation fulfilled certain conditions. These were accepted and the building was purchased.
- March 26 A congregational meeting was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Carl Georgian with Mr. James VanExan as chairman. Mr. Arnley Johnson introduced the new Rector, the Rev. F. W. Motton formerly of Six Nations Reserve. A letter was read from Archdeacon Queen explaining how we could purchase the building. The Diocese of Huron would loan \$1,000 at 1% interest for 10 years and donate \$500, if among the new Congregation they could raise \$500, leaving a debt of \$2,000.
- April 2 The third meeting was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. James VanExan with the Rector as chairman. Mr. Motton displayed the new books (Vestry and Treasury) and the name for the church, St. Mark's, was chosen.
- April 8 The first church service 'Morning Prayer' was held with 26 present. Chairs were borrowed from the funeral home. Mr. Motton brought his own Altar from his home. There was no pulpit, lectern or piano.
- April 11 Seven men from the congregation tore up the basement floor, which was unsafe. Holy Trinity, Burford gave their old Prayer Books, having purchased the new one.

- April 13 Mr. & Mrs. James VanExan presented a new Altar which they had made. The congregation was told that the next morning they would receive 40 pews from a theological college at Pt. Hope, to be picked up at Burford Fair Pavilion. Saturday April 14th, delivered there courtesy of John Labatt. Mr. George Miller loaned his truck and the seven men brought them to Scotland. The pews were in deplorable condition and had to be washed, puttied, painted and varnished.
- April 15 The second church service was held.
- April 18 Mr. Georgian and Mr. Bowen began to rebuild the Sanctuary and Chancel floor - job finished on April 21st. The pulpit was donated by a church in Brussels and Mr. Mike Donn loaned his truck to transport it. Mr. VanExan covered the pulpit to match the Altar. At a special meeting held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Carl Georgian, the group discussed the laying of the new floor in the basement.
- May 1 Floor laid by Ed Syrett of Burford and the men of the Congregation.
- May 9 Mrs. Brock Miller, President of Brant Deanery, formed a combined Women's Auxiliary and Guild.
- May 10 The Sunday School was organized. Mrs. Jean Havel was first Superintendent, Mrs. Madeline Bowen was appointed Assistant Superintendent, Miss Judith Bowen acted as Treasurer. Tables were made by Mr. VanExan and Mr. Al Smallman.
- May 31 New Sanctuary and Chancel floors sanded and finished by Mr. Harold Kennedy and Mr. Arnley Johnson.
- June 2 The first wedding was held in the church.
- June 5 Al Smallman and Jim Bowen sanded the basement walls and June 6th eleven women and two men painted the windows and treated the walls with 'Stay-Dri'. Curtains were made by the women for the basement windows. Material was purchased with a donation. Mrs. Logan made the curtains.
- June 19 Right Rev. G. M. Luxton, Bishop of Huron, assisted by Archdeacon C. J. Queen, Can on Nelles and other clergy from Brantford Deanery were present for the Dedication of St. Mark's. Bishop Luxton named Mr. Arnley Johnson 'Godfather of St. Mark's'.

- September 24 First Congregational Meeting, beginning with a pot luck supper with about 60 sitting down. Mr. Motton was chairman. Mr. Gil York showed slides taken at Coventry, England.
- October 16 Kneelers installed - made by Jim VanExan Jim Bowen, Al Smallman and Carl Georgian - they were covered by the ladies of the W. A.
- November 14 The ladies washed and painted the basement.
- November 17 First Christmas Bazaar held - a huge success - \$250 realized.
- November 24 New front door fitted and finished by Andy Taylor.
- November 25 A special meeting was called to decide on a new furnace. Mr. Al Smallman, Mr. Elgin Murray and Mr. Carl Georgian installed it. There is a large Confirmation class - 14 Candidates preparing for April.
- December 2 First Sunday School Concert held. Sunday School has increased from two in September to twenty-six in December.

The large wooden Cross above the Alter was the first furniture in the church and was made and donated by Mr. Carl Georgian and Don Ballard. The lighting for the Cross and Altar were given and installed by Mr. Motton. The Altar Cridence Table and Missal stand were made and donated by the VanExans. The chair in the Sanctuary was given by Mr. & Mrs. Carl Georgian.

The Altar Rail was given by Holy Trinity Church, Burford. The candle holders and snuffer were given by Pryor Harris, Burford. The vases were given by Mrs. James Bowen. The piano is loaned by Mrs. Earl Logan's mother. The small pews in the chancel were cleaned and refinished by Mr. and Mrs. James Bowen. The Lectern was loaned by the Waterford Anglican Church. Mrs. James VanExan did all the final finishing of the furnishings in the Chancel and Sanctuary.

The large Bible on the Lectern was donated by the VanExan family. The Chalice, Paton and other Communion Vessels have been purchased by Mrs. Motton through the W. A., also the silks and linens. The collection plates were donated by Pryor Harris.

Mrs. Dorothy Brooks made a donation of \$200 and an anonymous donor from Burford gave \$300 to help us get started.

The Baptismal Font was made by Mr. James VanExan and the bowl given by Mrs. James Robinson and Mrs. Dorothy Rice.

Mr. Doug Taylor taped Christmas Carols and played them throughout the Christmas season. Mrs. Motton and Mrs. VanExan were the pianists.

The box for the Communion Bread was given by donations from the first Confirmation Class.

MEMBERS OF THE FIRST BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Rector	Rev. F. W. Motton
Rector's Warden	Mr. James Bowen
People's Warden	Mr. Carl Georgian
Secretary	Mrs. Carl Georgian
Treasurer	Mrs. Sandra House
Lay Delegate to Synod	Mr. Al Smallman
Asst Lay Delegate	Mr. George Padfield
Auditor	Mrs. Joyce Smallman, Mrs. Jean Havel
Other Board Members	Mrs. Eunice Logan, Mr. Jim VanExan, Mrs. Jim VanExan, Mr. Gil York, Mrs. Madeline Bowen
Sunday School Superintendent	Mrs. Jean Havel
Asst S. S. Superintendent	Miss Judy Bowen

1963

January 8 Vestry Meeting and pot luck supper

1963 SLATE OF OFFICERS

Rector	Rev. F. W. Motton
Rector's Warden	Mr. James Bowen
People's Warden	Mr. Al Smallman
Secretary	Mrs. Carl Georgian
Treasurer	Mrs. Lucille Hamilton
Lay Delegate, Synod	Mr. Al Smallman
Asst Lay Delegate	Mr. Wm Nock
Auditors	Mrs. Joyce Smallman, Mrs. Nellie Gravelle
Other Board Members	Mrs. Eunice Logan, Mrs. Jim VanExan, Mrs. Jim Bowen, Mrs. Andy Taylor, Mr. Doug Taylor, Mrs. Joyce Smallman

January 25 One of the first members, Mr. Andy Taylor, was buried from the church.

January 28 The last of the kneelers installed

February 27 First Baptism (3 Hamilton boys) Mr. Doug Taylor and Mr. Jim Bowen

February W. A. decided to purchase carpet for the centre aisle. Aprons for the front pews, which can be moved for weddings and funerals, were made by Mrs. & Mrs. James VanExan and ready for installation.

March 1 World Day of Prayer Service - 50 present

March 16 Patriarchs Bake Sale - \$72 realized

March 25 Can on Lethbridge met with Wardens, Minister, Treasurer and Secretary to set Mr. Motton's stipend and discuss our budget.

March 30 Mr. VanExan finished Prayer Desk

April 16 Mr. York brought the Lectern to the church. Burtch Prison Farm inmates assembled it and varnished it.

April 16 Scotland C.G.I.T. girls made and donated a sand box to our Sunday School. Mrs. Margaret Hunter C.G.I.T. Leader and Judy Bowen, President.

April 7 First Confirmation - 14 Candidates, Suffragan Bishop (Mr. Fanshend) officiated.

April 26 First Teen Age Dance (every other Friday)

May 21 A piano was donated by a Brantford lady.

June 16 Children of the Sunday School conducted the Service. The first missionary money was given - \$9.38 to go to Fort Simpson, N.W.T.

June 23 First Sunday School picnic at Mohawk Park - 75 present

July 24 Social Evening in honour of Ben & Eva Sayles of Fort Simpson, St. Mark's Prayer Partners

September 14 Bale Sale - \$53

October 26 Little Helpers First Birthday Party

October 30 New cupboards and serving section installed

- November 2 Mt. Pleasant Legion held their Church Parade and Service in St. Mark's - 86 present. 16 new Hym n Books were presented by Mr. & Mrs. James VanExan and an anonymous donor.
- November 16 Second Christmas Bazaar - \$265 - 20 folding chairs purchased - gift of Mr. and Mrs. VanExan.
- December 8 Father Fediac of the Greek Orthodox Church, Hamilton, with Mr. Motton assisting, baptised 4 of the Donn children according to the rites of that Church.
- December 13 Christmas Concert - Mr. & Mrs. Motton presented with 40 silver dollars (Fortieth Wedding Anniversary gift). Mr. & Mrs. Mering Lloyd, a student minister, is to replace Mr. Motton while the latter minister is on vacation.
- December 22 Mr. Motton was presented with an Alms Basin from the Champlain Council of the Pioneer Club of Bell Telephone of Canada, of which Mr. Motton was a member. He donated it to St. Mark's when he left.
- 1964
- January 9 The Vestry met and a Board of Management was chosen.
- January 7 Week of Prayer Meeting was held in St. Mark's. Miss Erla Currey of Scotland United Church brought the message - 53 present.
- April 5 2nd Anniversary Services held, with Archdeacon Queen as the guest speaker - 90 present.

The 1987 Church Officers were:

Wardens Rector	Mr. Craig Ripley
People	Mrs. Judy Ripley
Lay Delegate to Synod	Mrs. Madeline Bowen
Alternate	Mrs. Vi Seaton
Vestry Clerk	Mrs. Eunice logan
Treasurer	Mr. Hugh Seaton
Board of Management	Mrs. Madeline Bowen, Mr. Al Smallman
Sunday School Superintendent	Mrs. Ronald Clarke
Assistant	Miss Kim Smale
Altar Guild	Mrs. Joyce Smallman
A. C. W.	Mrs. Judy Ripley



Rectors and laity who have led the congregation in worship since inception include:

Rev. F. Motton 1962 to 1964
 Mr. Meurig P. Lloyd 1964 to 1965 (student)
 Rev. G. Stanley Sharples 1965 to 1967
 Rev. Harry Donaldson 1967 to 1975
 Rev. R. A. Ruch 1975 to 1978



Rev. R. Ruch

Rev. Tim Hill 1975 to 1978
 Rev. H. Herring 1979 to 1983
 Rev. I. Oliver 1983 to 1988
 Rev. R. Peirce 1989 to

Jehovah's Witnesses

This order built a Hall east of the village, in 1960, on the Oakland Road, just west of the T. H. and B. tracks. Originally, there were two congregations in Brantford who re-organized in 1959 to form three congregations, one coming to Scotland. Bill and Lillian Robinson offered half of their property for the Hall and were themselves members of the congregation. The original group had 42 publishers, thirty active. (Publisher is the term used for those who distribute literature)

The three lay elders were Bill Robinson, Dave McEwan and George Crawford. The original congregation at Scotland embraced some from the Six Nations reserve, formerly from the Brantford congregation. Gradually those of the congregation from the Reserve became the central core.



Kingdom Hall - Scotland

By 1990, the Hall served no further useful purpose at Scotland. The building went up for sale. Those remaining active returned to the Brantford congregations. During the period 1959 to 1991, while the Scotland group had an active religious community, lay persons provided the leadership. No paid pastor received a call.

Old Boston Church

Early in the nineteenth century, a Baptist congregation surfaced in the south east corner of the Township, on lot 15 Concession I, the property of the Reverend Peter Fairchild. Elder Fairchild came to this region of Upper Canada with his family, taking homestead land three miles north-east of Boston. He arrived ahead of the surveyors and had no neighbours around him. His daughter, Sara, was born in their log cabin on March 26th, 1794, the first white child to be born in Townsend.

Reverend Fairchild was instrumental in building a church at Boston in the year 1804, becoming its pastor after his ordination. He continued in the ministry for fourteen years.

In 1817, Peter's first wife died. His second marriage, a year later, caused intense controversy within his church. His dismissal soon followed. Boston church records state "Elder Fairchild's case came forward and after conference on the subject concluded he had hurt his ministry and grieved his brethren by uniting with an unbelieving caricter witch". Considering the case, we conclude their was no hopes of a reconciliation taking place. We withdraw our fellowship from him for marrying an unbelieving caricter".

Following Elder Fairchild's removal, thirteen Baptists from the Boston church splintered to form the Old Boston Church. They built their log sanctuary, 24' by 24', on the Rev. Fairchild's property at the eastern tip of the Gore. Included in those who split were George Cunningham and his wife Abigail, plus all of Fairchilds. They continued to worship at this location for about twenty years, when the church burned. The splinter group then returned to worship at Boston. The destruction of the church building by fire had a double impact. It had been used as a school house by the children of the hamlet, then called Frogtown.

Born to Peter Fairchild and his first wife, Sarah Fuller, were ten children. One son, Isaac, moved to Fairchilds Creek where he married Lucy Kilbourne. Thirteen children were born from this union. Isaac and his family moved to Maple Grove. There he preserved a parcel of land on his farm as a burial ground. Most of the family are buried at Fairchild's cemetery. One son, Peter Jr. (1810-1894), together with his wife Sarah (1814-1901) and their son Peter (1847-1913) are buried at Oakland.

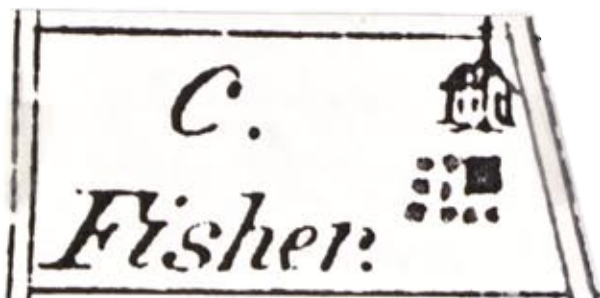
Brant Church

Around 1850, a fledgling congregation built a one room frame church at Little Brant, a hamlet near the eastern tip of the Township that is located just inside Brantford Township. This church, on the Oakland Methodist circuit, served the residents of eastern Oakland Township plus Brantford Township dwellers in that area. The building occupied land on a plot taken from the farm of Cyrus Fisher. The congregation disbursed about 1900.

Families attending Little Brant church in the mid nineteenth century included, among others, the Stratford family, the Fishers, the Bakers, the Atkinsons, the Woodleys and the Burtch family.

The Reverend James Webb took the service at this Methodist church, 1884 to 1887. He lived at the parsonage in Oakland.

Pastoral support in 1886 came from Andrew J. Fisher, James Norrie, Chas. Atkinson, Walter Thompson, Mrs. T. Hunter, Elsie Norrie, Maggie Norrie, Eliza Myerscough, Cyrus Fisher and Daniel Wilson. Their total givings that year amounted to \$11.25.



Range IV (east) Brantford Twp., as shown on an 1870 map.



Circa 1910
Barely visible behind the trees is Brant Church, situated directly across the road, on the east side, from the driveway of Bruce and Jill Davis.



Circa 1910
Mathias Stratford

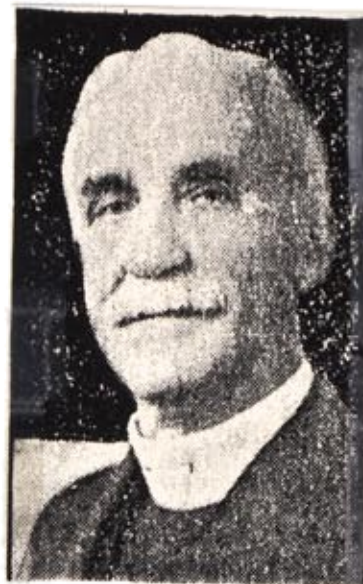
Mathias Stratford (1832-1916) and his two wives, Mary Grummett and Sarah Grummett Garner together with their children Sylvester (1856-1943), Cecilia (1858-1952), Martha (1865-1917), Edwin (1867-1946), Susie (1871-1973) and Mary (1873-1954) all attended regularly at this small church. In 1860, they lived on a small farm not far from the church.

Brant Church, built as a replacement for the Old Boston Church which was destroyed by fire, had a short term existence. When the Burtch Baptist s emerged, the former church served no useful purpose. Ultimately, it was demolished.

Accepting the Call

Sons and daughters of the Township who entered the Christian ministry are numerous. Their names are all familiar;

- (a) Rev. Arthur Clare Eddy (1871-1950), son of Joseph D. Eddy (1842-1900), who was a son of Adbell Eddy (1806-1869). Joseph Eddy married Alletta Foster (1846-1915) daughter of Alonzo and Jane Foster. Alletta provided leadership at the Congregational assembly. Arthur Eddy, born at Scotland on December 17, 1871, received his higher education from Victoria College, a B.D., in 1904. He had received his B.A. four years earlier.



Four years after acquiring his B.D. Degree, he was received into full connection and ordination into the Methodist ministry at Norfolk Street Church, Guelph.

For the next fifty-six years he laboured for his Church, which honoured him by an appointment as the Financial Secretary of Palmerston and Brantford Districts and Chairman of the Mount Forest and Simcoe Districts, in the days when chairmen were chairmen, wielding great authority.

In 1901, Arthur married Annie Loeleta Potter and, together, they served many charges in Southern and Western Ontario- St. Catharines, Clifford, Drumbo, Springfield, Jarvis, Mount Forest, Beamsville, Rockwood, Winona, Wiarton, Brantford, Lyndock, Binbrook and St. Ann's, and Tintern.

Retiring at Tintern, the Reverend and Mrs. Eddy moved to Hamilton to be near their son, Foster, a successful lawyer.

In 1940, he became Assistant Minister at Centenary Church. For the next ten years, he served faithfully, only interrupted by a major illness when he had to be content with less strenuous efforts.

Mr. Eddy was most effective in the homes where sickness and trouble had entered. Countless people will remember his loving ministrations in times of sickness, sorrow and trial.

He was particularly loved by young people. His erect carriage and snow white hair and fresh face, and happy humour, and quick understanding, endeared him to them. Small wonder he was known in rural areas he served as "The Marrying Parson".

The Rev. Arthur Eddy died at Hamilton on April 15, 1950, and is buried at Scotland. He was survived by his widow, two sons Foster B. of Hamilton and Carson P. of Toronto.

- (b) Rev. James Malcolm Smith, born about 1832 at Scotland, he was the son of Justus Smith (1796-1864) and Catherine Malcolm (1800-18). Catherine was the daughter of Finlay Malcolm (1750-1829) and Tryphena Wardell. Catherine's twin brother, James Malcolm (1800-1854), married Elvira Fairchild, farmers north of Scotland. The latter farm became known as the Hamilton Smith place, lot 2 concession II. The Reverend Smith married Euphemia Edie. He was recommended for the ministry on August 22, 1858 by the Scotland Congregational Church, ordained in 1863, and continued to minister for the Congregational faith in Ontario and Michigan. His father, Justus, became one of the first Deacons at his home church. Rev. Smith died in 1914 at Grand Rapids, MI.
- (c) Rev. Findlay M. Smith, a brother of the Rev. James M. Smith, served the Methodist Episcopal Church.
- (d) Rev. Charles Eddy (1836-1917), son of John Eddy (1804-1892) and Caroline McLeod (1805-1836), accepted the calling. John Eddy was the son of Charles Sr. (1781-1852) and Sarah (Malcolm) Eddy 1774-1860. The Reverend Charles Eddy married Helen Hurlburt at Middletown, N. Y. His Methodist ministry extended over sixty years, mostly in New York State.
- (e) John Finlay Malcolm graduated in theology from Congreg ational College on 31 May 1868 - ordained July 31, 1877. He was installed at Whitby. Mrs. Malcolm died January 1st, 1886. The son of George Malcolm (1806-1895) of Scotland who operated a mill east of Scotland village, J. Finlay Malcolm had a distinguished career. His namesake, Finlay Malcolm Sr. (1750-1829) founded Oakland.
- (f) Robert Eadie 3rd, son of Robert 2nd and Martha (Swift) Eadie, farmer north of Oakland, graduated as a theologian on 17 Apr 1875 but his career was mostly that of an educator, teaching at Guelph. He was born at Oakland in 1852.
- (g) George Willett graduated in 1878. He served in Ontario, Quebec and California - died in 1921 at San Luis Obispo, CA.

- (h) Reverend Samuel L. Eddy (1848-1919), was a younger brother of the Reverend Charles Eddy and a son of John Eddy (1804-1892) and his second wife Abigail Smith, farmers at East Oakland. Samuel Lawrence Eddy married Eliza Eadie (1862-1959). They were childless. Both are buried in Oakland Cemetery beside Samuel's younger brother, Edward B. Eddy and his wife Roma Star. Samuel served his church in Iowa, USA.
- (i) Another clergyman, well known at Scotland, the Reverend James Gundy (1831-1897) had a lengthy career serving the Methodist cause. His father, the Reverend Wm. Gundy (1795-1870) was also a Methodist preacher at Milton, his last calling, where he died. James Gundy, born in Ireland on March 16, 1831, came to Canada with his parents in 1842. He married Eliza Jane Eddy (1844-1927), daughter of Adbell Eddy (1807-1869) and Martha Carpenter Moore (1816-1876), farmers north of Scotland on lots 1 and 2 concession III. Eliza's sister, Lillian Gertrude Eddy (1876-1942), married the Rev. Lorne Chester McRoberts who did supply preaching at Scotland. The Rev. James Gundy preached at various charges throughout Southern Ontario and eventually bought land north of Scotland, just inside Burford township, on lot 1 concession XII, also on lot 1 concession III Oakland Twp. Francis (Frank) Gundy (1871-1933), son of James, took over the family farm north of Scotland. He married Enid M. Hobbs (1882-1965), whose father, the Reverend Edwin Hobbs, ministered at Scotland Congregational Church from 1906 to 1913. Enid was the organist at the church for a number of years. After her husband's death, Mrs. Eliza Gundy (1844-1927) together with her daughters, Eleanor Daisy (1873-1946) and Laura (1882-1957), lived at the corner of Oakland and Marcus Streets until their respective deaths.
- (j) Enid M. Horning (1927-) of Windham Township joined the United Church on Profession in 1942. A graduate of Scotland Continuation School in 1944, B.C.I. in 1945 and Hamilton Normal School in 1946, she taught at "The Valley School" 1946-48 (on the Bishops Gate Road north of Scotland), at Northfield 1948-49 and at Hillcrest School in Windham Township from 1949-51.

In 1952, Enid received her BA from McMaster, then supplied as a summer student at Auburndale, near Wainwright, Alberta. She obtained her diploma as a missionary to Japan, sponsored by the Women's Missionary Society, in 1954. The Session at Scotland approved her application for admission to the Deaconess Order on April 25th, 1954. The Hamilton Conference gave consent in June 1954, all part of a campaign to gain recognition and status in church courts for trained women workers, including missionaries, as they were neither "lay" or "clergy".

From 1954 to 56, Enid studied in Tokyo for language training, then went to Shizuoka Jogakuin, a girls Jr. and Sr. High School. There she served as a teacher of English conversion. In 1957, she was transferred to rural evangelism work near Hokusō, east of Tokyo. In 1966, she obtained her BD from Emmanuel College in Toronto but did not request ordination. From 1966-70, she served as Corresponding Secretary in Japan for the Division of World Outreach. From 1975-77, she was on leave in Canada and

occupied the position of Assistant Minister at Colborne Street United. Enid returned to Japan in 1977 where she worked again as Corresponding Secretary for Division of World Outreach. While in Japan, she received well earned recognition from the Town Council of Tomisato Town Chiba Prefecture for her contribution to the cultural activities of the town, especially her English conversation teaching.

Enid's family connection with the local Congregational Church dates back to 1910 when her grandparents, Abram Binkley Horning (1865-1938) and his wife Barbara Skinner (1864-1954), transferred their memberships from Vanessa Methodist Church. Enid's father, Alex S. Horning (1902-1975), joined on profession of faith at eight years of age. Abram Horning became a Deacon and served as an elder under the United Church until his death. Alex Horning (1902-1975) served as a steward, a Sunday School superintendent, an elder and a trustee until his death. Enid's mother, Gertrude I. Messecar (1901-1977) was active in the Women's organizations.

Alex and Gertrude Horning were involved in a serious motor vehicle accident in June of 1941 which limited their activities thereafter.

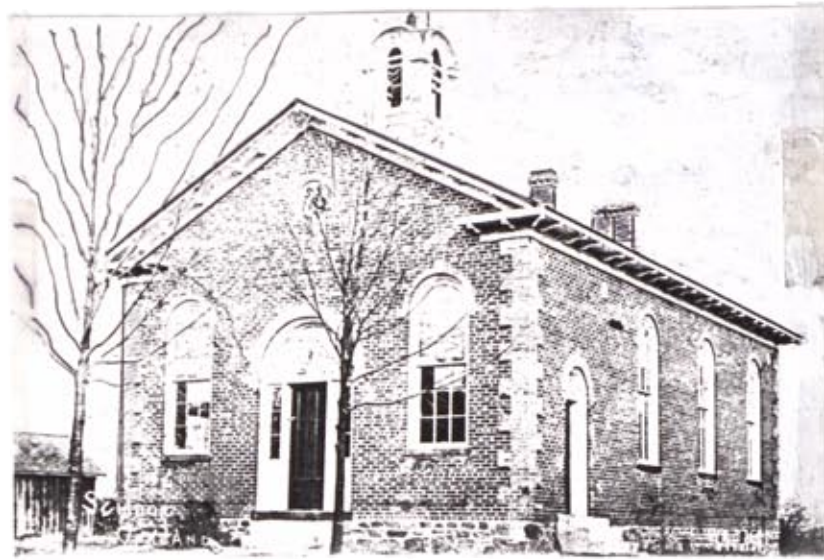
Enid's maternal grandparents, James D. Messecar (1872-1949) and Sarah Prudence Epps (1874-1951), were also active in the church, James since 1893 on profession. He served as a Deacon, then an Elder while Prudence was president of the WMS for several years.

Enid, for official purposes, was listed as a Diaconal Minister during her tenure. She continues to be active and supplies on the North Windham Pastoral Charge, a four point charge. Enid's sister, Mary Horning Poss, continues the tradition. She has been president of the U.C.W., sings in the choir, teaches Sunday School and is Secretary of the Board of Stewards.

- (k) John Burbidge, youngest son of Rev. W. A. Burbidge, became a candidate for the ministry in 1952. He left the confines of the church to pursue an academic career, now teaching at Trent University.
- (l) Although he left Canada to minister in the State of Michigan, James Henry Westbrook (1856-1932) appears to have been the first candidate from the congregation of Oakland Methodist Church to accept the call. James grew up in the Township, a son of Haggai Westbrook (1828-1889) and Emily Scott. His grandfather, Mordecai Westbrook Sr (1800-1883), farmed on lots 7 and 8 Concession I.
- (m) Joseph V. Bryning, ordained in 1860 (Congregational) served in Pleasant River, N.S. 1862/63 - moved to Kansas.
- (n) Robert Hay - a younger brother of the Reverend Wm Hay. He was recommended by the Congregationalists and served in a number of charges throughout Ontario.

CHAPTER 9

Scholars All



S S#2 - modified Gothic style

FROM SAND DESKS TO SCRIBBLERS

A student entering primary grade in the early part of the nineteenth century faced a very different experience than children today. The school houses were primitive, the teaching aids limited and the teacher, in most cases, was ill equipped to impart other than basic skills and knowledge to his pupils.

Today's primary student, in comparison, may very well have mastered the basics of computer science when entering the classroom for the first time while our forefathers were fortunate to have been taught their A B C's, a vast contrast in the preparedness of the students of these two different eras to be initiated to formal education. Access to the Common (Public) School was restricted in the rural areas, and if a crude building of logs had been erected, the pioneers were so scattered and remotely located that their

children were compelled to travel miles over paths marked by the "blaze" of the axe.

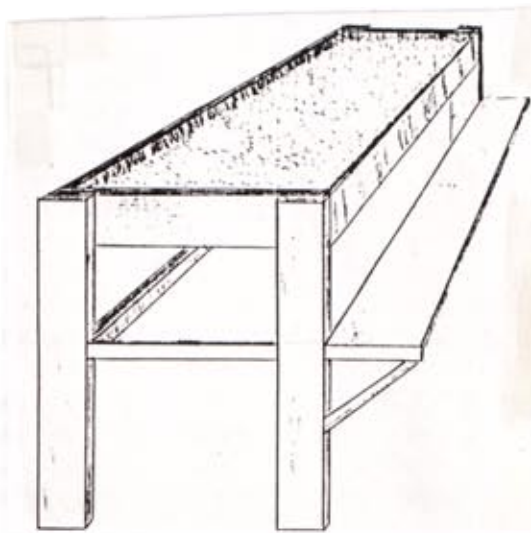
Another hazard of the time was the probability of an accidental fire to the school building because of the primitive heating systems. Many a log school was erected only to fall prey to fire.

Schools were opened seasonally, fall, winter and early spring, usually from six to seven months a year. The private dwelling of the school master, with his residence serving a multiple purpose of parlor, kitchen, school house and shop often served as the local school house. The fee charged by these private educators was paid in sterling or in goods - two bushels of wheat per scholar; the price of a spelling book was one bushel of wheat, and other school requisites were bartered in proportion. With the growth of a settlement, school privileges improved and free education ultimately became within the reach of even the humblest. Better teaching aids appeared, particularly maps, reference books and texts and schools remained open for nine months a year.

A reference to the aims and goals of the educational system in the early part of the nineteenth century suggests that schools "should implant in the children's minds early habits of morality and obedience" and, in the case of instruction given to girls, focus was on "plain work and knitting". With the boys, literacy generally meant they were destined to take positions beyond the hoe and shovel. This involved mastering the art of reading, writing and the four rules of arithmetic.

One of the techniques employed by school masters then was to arrange the school into classes, each class to comprise of the same level of proficiency, then select from the upper students a boy to take on the role of "monitor". The rest of the class was paired off into tutors and pupils, so that the most trustworthy students could teach and guide the weaker ones. The school master simply managed the whole school and co-ordinated the lessons, and when necessary, administered discipline. As the main supervisor, he dealt out praise and displeasure according to the temperament and ability of each student under his care, with the monitor playing a "hands on" role by using the lessons given to him daily to teach. This program was contingent on the ability of the head student to instruct and control his charges. He had the use of teaching aids such as wall charts, sand desks and slates. By placing the desks near the walls and leaving the centre free, monitorial groups could assemble in front of the sand desk, or the chart, and recite their lesson simultaneously or in turn. This was a system of reciting, repeating and drilling the information into the student - short lessons but repetitive.

The curriculum was almost entirely reading, writing and arithmetic, grammar and geography reinforced with morality and religion. Once the student mastered the art of correctly tracing letters and figures in the sand, progress was rewarded by the use of a personal slate.



A sand desk

It was the established view in the early part of the 19th century that education should be controlled by the Church and the lessons were heavily programmed with its teachings. Secular education remained secondary to religious instruction until the latter part of the century. Circuit riders were directly involved in giving educational instruction. This duty formed a part of their role when making home visitations to families who had young children. Schools tended, also, to dwell on the trades such as carpentry, cobbling and blacksmithing while the girls were given separate instruction designed to equip them for their expected female role in society. The skills of housewifery, knitting, sewing, spinning, cooking, straw plaiting and preserving food were taught.

In Upper Canada, one of the first pieces of legislation directed towards education was introduced in 1816 when an Act of the Parliament of Upper Canada, to establish Common Schools, was passed granting the sum of 6000 pounds to assist in the payment of a salary to teachers and for the purchase of books. Earlier, in 1807, the Parliament had granted a sum of 800 pounds for Grammar School upkeep of one Grammar School in each of the eight Districts of Upper Canada, as it was divided at that time. What is now the Oakland triangle was then Burford Gore, in the London District, when funds were first set aside for educational purposes. It is believed the first District school, funded by the Province, was located at or near Avery's Mills (Waterford). While not centrally located in the District, it was nevertheless close for Oakland dwellers. Whether or not any Oakland pupils went to the Townsend school in 1808 is not recorded but it did remain open at least six months in the year, with 20 students, a basic requirement to be eligible for financial assistance. For the residents in the south eastern tip of Burford Gore, a school probably privately funded, was available in the close proximity, at Boston. The school opened about 1825 and the parents paid roughly seventeen shillings, per child, per quarter as a tuition fee.

Modifications to the school system came with amendments to the Common School Acts of 1846 and 1850 and again amended by the

School Law Improvement Act in 1871 to upgrade instruction at Common and Grammar Schools. The latter piece of legislation formed the foundation for the present day Ontario school methodology as first advocated by Rev. Egerton Ryerson, Chief Superintendent of Education. Compulsory attendance legislation was passed in the late 19th century and most children between the ages of 7 and 12 routinely attended school for several months a year, especially those from affluent families. Children from poorer families were often early wage earners and lost out on education. It was not until the late 19th century that standardization of textbooks, teacher training, classroom organization and curriculum was put into place. While the practice would seem incredible today, there was a distinct contrast in the subjects given to boys and girls and even a trend to have separate entrances to the school for the boys and girls, as well as separate recess areas and, in some cases, separate classrooms. The subjects taught to boys were designed for their role as the bread winner.

The funds accumulated in the Clergy Reserve ultimately went to the municipalities. Oakland Township received its share which they invested in Hydro Bonds with the interest to be used for education.

In the 20th century, schooling has become part of an institutional network, within society as a whole, with funding almost entirely coming from the state through taxes. With the present school system, modern teaching techniques and "high tech" has replaced the log school-house and instruction through the influence of the birchen rod. With compulsory attendance laws, with free education at the primary and secondary level, with programs administered by Trustees of the choice of the people and monitored by an Inspector qualified in his profession, it is apparent that the student of today is placed in a much better learning environment to assimilate. Yes, the system has taken a giant leap from sand box instruction to basic computer science.

County of Brant

On June 23rd, 1853, a bylaw by the County Council levied an assessment on various townships for the support of Common Schools and salaries for the Superintendents thereof. The levy against Oakland township was twenty pounds.

At a County Council meeting on June 23rd, 1856, a motion was passed that two hundred and fifty pounds be granted towards the construction of a Grammar School in the Village of Scotland. W. A. Whiting, W. Kelly and Caleb Merritt, Trustees in the Township were appointed to receive and expend the money.

The first Inspector of schools appointed for the County of Brant was Dr. M. J. Kelly, before the enactment of the Ontario

Educational Act passed in 1871. Prior to 1871, public schools were referred to as Common Schools and a Grammar School, for secondary education, was later to be called a Continuation School or a High School. A male teacher of that era received a salary in the range of three hundred and forty to five hundred dollars a year while a female teacher was eligible for much less a year, from one hundred and ten dollars to three hundred and fifty dollars.

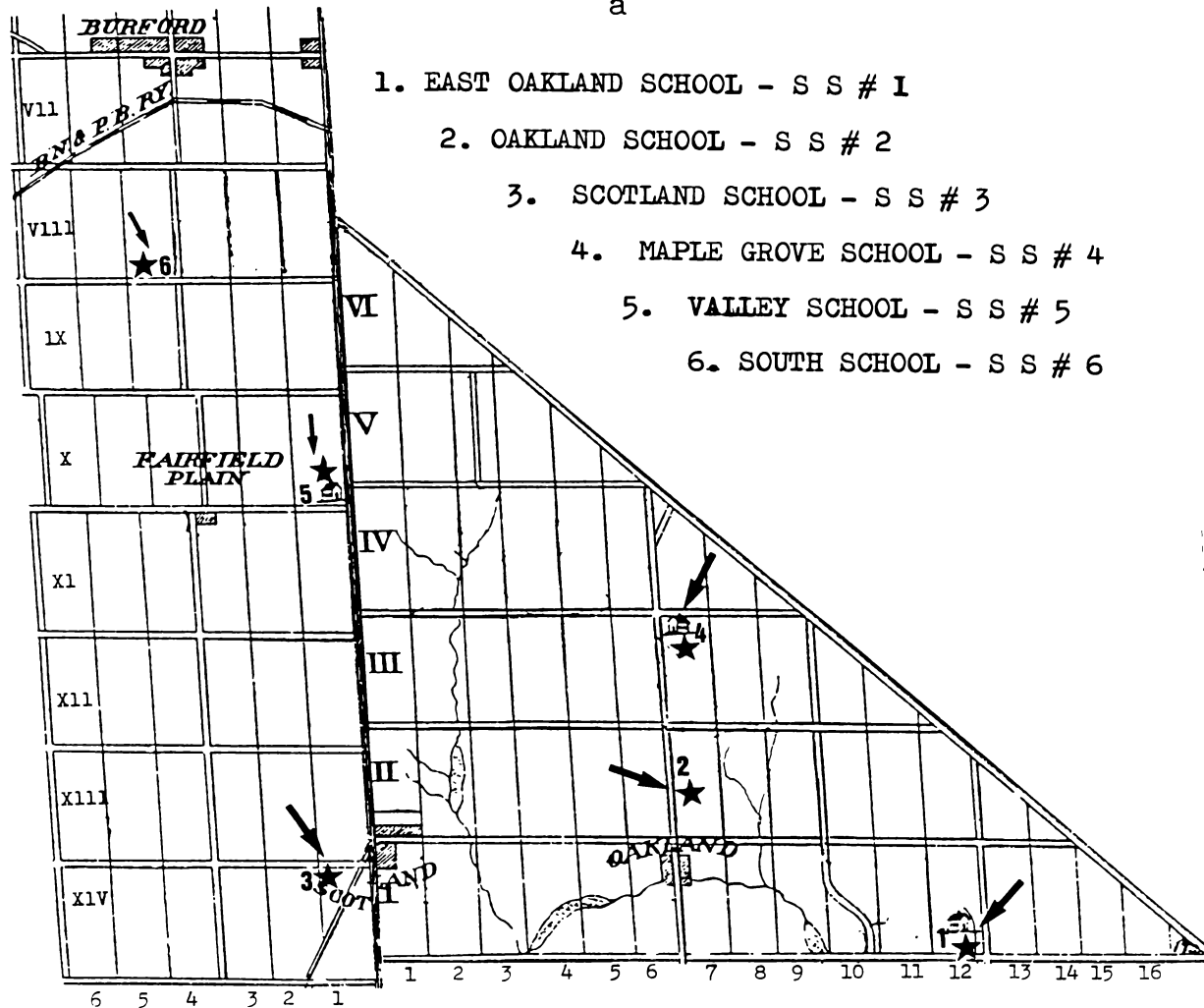
Prior to 1883, only a few teachers were exposed to formal training. Subsequently, regulations were put in place requiring teachers to be trained either in a County Model School for three months, or at a Normal School. Later it was ruled that a teacher must teach for at least a year in a Model School before being eligible to go to Normal School for a provincial certificate.

Dr. M. J. Kelly, born in Quebec City in 1834 and well educated, remained in office until 1902. His annual report for 1882 reveals the majority of schools as being brick, frame or stone with one log school. Thirty years earlier there were many more log school houses including the one at Oakland village, next to the church.

Dr. Kelly was followed by Thomas W. Standing Jr. as the County Inspector, his remuneration being set at \$7.00 per annum for every teacher occupying a separate room with a separate register to be inspected plus \$150.00 annually. Mr. Standing remained in office for many years. He was still there in 1931. In her reminiscences, Mrs. Ann Kemp, who taught at Scotland in the early part of the century, described Mr. Standing as a "gentleman and kindly School Inspector" and she looked forward to his visits. Thomas W. Standing was born in Burford Township, lot 6 concession IX, on September 12th 1859, the son of Thomas Sr. and Janet (Balmer) Standing, farmers. Thomas Jr. had nine siblings and four children.

In 1921, the Council made provision for establishing a new high school district in a part of Oakland Township by a bylaw passed on January 21st. Ellsworth Plant was appointed a trustee.

J. W. Joyce B.A., a principal of Central School in Brantford, joined the 215th Battalion at the outbreak of World War I and became a Company Commander. He was appointed Town Major in France when the 215th broke up and later left the army to become County Superintendent. Colonel Joyce made many visits to inspect the register at SS#2 Oakland as well as other schools in the Township. He signed hundreds of Entrance Certificates during his tenure as noted in the following certificate - his tenure 1931/42.



A school Inspector for the County, 1942 - 1969, was J.C. Webster, also Len McLeod served as an Inspector.

Within the County of Brant jurisdiction, Oakland Township had financial obligations for the support of six School Sections:

SS# 1, 2 and 4 (within the Township - East Oakland, Oakland and Maple Grove respectively)

SS# 3, 5 and 6 (within Burford Township area)

In 1884, the following men served as treasurers in the six School Sections:

SS# 1 - Wm McAlister (Lower Oakland)
 SS# 2 - Thomas Mills (Oakland)
 SS# 3 - Samuel Hunter (Scotland)
 SS# 4 - Edward Eadie (Maple Grove)
 SS# 5 - W.F. Miles (Burford Twp)
 SS# 6 - T. Standing (Burford Twp)

Wellington McAlister (1814-1897) served as a trustee for forty-three years.



Edward Eadie

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Dr. Michael J. Kelly
M.D., L.L.B.

Appointed Superintendent of Schools for Brant County in 1870, Dr. Kelly reported annually on the state of education in Oakland Township. The new brick building, SS#2 Oakland, received favourable comment by Dr. Kelly, although he was concerned, in 1873, that the school had no library and employed an "untrained" teacher.



Thomas W. Standing
(1859-1936)

Appointed in 1902, Mr. Standing is known to have travelled about by horse and buggy, by bicycle, often by train and lastly by car. A native of Burford township, he obtained his BA in 1891 from U of T, married Marybelle Austin, and had four children; Marjorie, Harry, Eleanor and Wray. He taught at Langford and Brant Schools and was principal at Pembroke and Carelton Place. He retired in 1931.



Col. J. Walter Joyce

Always referred to as "Colonel" Joyce by teachers, parents and students alike, this military bearing individual commanded respect but not the affection shown for Mr. Standing. He was a graduate of Toronto Normal School, taught in Halton County, then came to Mount Pleasant School, later Central School. He held the office of School Superintendent from 1931 to 1942, during the lean years.

A graduate of London Normal School, Mr. Webster taught at London and became a principal there. Subsequently, he was appointed County Public School Inspector for the counties of Prescott and Russell. His appointment in Brant came in 1942, holding the position until 1969.



J. Campbell "Danny"
Webster (1905-1987)



Classroom terminology of the past:

- arbour day - a day set aside in late spring to clean up the school grounds, followed by a hike in the woods.
- bible reading - mandatory in all six Township schools.
- blotter - a paper pad, with absorbing qualities, to soak up excess ink.
- boy's outhouse, girl's outhouse - a two or three seater - rural schools had no indoor plumbing.
- Common School - before 1871 now a public or elementary school.
- first class, second class, third class certificates - a proficiency licence awarded at the County level to prospective teachers, depending on their experience and training.
- form - Continuation School grades - first to fourth grades.
- Grammar School - before 1871 now a High School or Continuation School.
- honey pail - a lunch bucket.
- ink-well - an open glass container of ink which fitted in a hole in the upper right side of the desk.
- junior primer, senior primer.
- junior second, senior second.
- junior third, senior third.
- junior fourth, senior fourth (entrance class) grades one to eight in the public school.
- Master - a male teacher.
- Monitor - a senior student or an assistant, who helped the teacher.
- nib - made of steel, split at the end, for ink penmanship, replaced by the ball-point pen.
- quill - a feather, split at the end, for writing with ink.
- rural school fair - held annually where crafts, produce and farm animals were shown by public school students.
- sand desk - filled with fine sand as a primitive writing surface by those learning their ABC's.
- slate boards (or slates) - a piece of slate, finely polished, used to write on, using a pencil made of soft slate.
- strap - a disciplinary aid made of webbed belt.
- teacher's bell - a small hand bell used by the teacher instead of the large bell in the belfry to alert pupils to return to the classroom.
- thirty-six rules of syntax - basic principles of sentence construction.
- Union Jack - most classrooms displayed this symbol of patriotism, prior to 1965 the Union Jack or the Red Ensign served as the Canadian flag.

School Sections

East Oakland

The pioneers of this area of the Township, also referred to as Lower Oakland, sent their children to a log schoolhouse located just across the Town line in Townsend Township, north of Gribben Flats. The dirt and plank road did not curve as it does today, but made a sharp right turn and continued south. Early records of the log school, SS#18 Townsend, are not available now. On the 22 Oct 1858, SS#1 Lower Oakland was made a union school joining with SS#18 Townsend. The teacher of the day was paid \$25.00 a month by direct taxation on rateable property. On the 2nd of April, 1861 Robert Edmonson was hired as the teacher but dismissed four days later because he failed to take direction from the Trustees.

The year 1862 saw Council address the issue of building a new school. It was moved by D. Phelps and seconded by Peter McIntyre, farmer on lot 12 Concession II, that the union section required another building. This was followed by another motion by Daniel Secord, seconded by Chris Lefler that one be built during the current term. A site was chosen on the property of William Cunningham, on the north side of the town line, adjacent to the Cockshutt Road on the west side on the latter road.

The school house was constructed of fieldstone gathered locally with lumber donated by local rate payers. The cost was \$907.61 plus \$3.50 for the survey and \$200.00 for the site, one acre of land.

Mr. Bryce, hired as the first teacher at the new school at \$25.00 a month, went on to the University of Toronto for an MA and then returned as principal at Scotland Grammar School. In 1892, he was living at Mount Pleasant.

The following early tenders were accepted for work and supplies at the school:

- 1866 - Wm Cunningham tendered to supply fifteen cords of wood at 98 cents a cord
- 1875 - Charlie McAlister was paid 25 cents for building fires in November.
- 1879 - Oscar Haviland built fires over the winter at \$1.00 per month. Murdock Campbell house cleaned for \$3.00 per month
- 1885 - Contracted Wm McFarlane to build a woodshed at \$80.00. Timothy Shavelear paid \$10.00 for painting the roof of the school house and the shed (he operated the hotel at the four corners in Oakland, formerly Malcolm's Hotel). Albert Lefler cut seven cords of beech and maple at 65 cents a cord. Brooms purchased - 25 cents, day labour - \$1.00 and sweeping and dusting - \$1.00 per month.

1890 - During the election for trustees at the annual meeting, there were two nominations - Thomas Secord and his brother James. Forty-six ratepayers cast their ballot, 26 for James and 20 for Thomas.



Circa 1875 - teacher Mr. Nagle
(note that the girls were wearing pinafores)

Front Row (left to right):

Mary Sowers, Gertie Cunningham, Ada Cunningham, Ada Flanders, Mae (Burtch) Cunningham, Maggie McEwan, Ethel Johnson, _____ Campbell, Clara Secord, Mabel Edy, Flossie Cunningham

Back Row (girls from left to right):

Minnie Stuttard, Minnie McEwan, Ella Campbell, Maude McAlister, Ollie Flanders
Boys (front row):

Russell Johnson, Jim Mulligan, Frankie Cunningham who was always with her cousin next - Artie Wallace, _____, Albert Butler, John Birdsell, Alf Sowers

Back Row (from doorway - left to right):

Elwood Miller, _____, Correll Nelles (son of Alex, brother of Duff), Kenneth Smith, father of Beulah Learmonth, Charlie McIntyre, Charles Sowers, _____, _____ Miller, bro of Elwood, Duff Nelles, Herb Edy, brother of Mable, son of Ben Edy.

Old timers tell of the sticky, clay-like road in front of the school. During the spring thaw, the road was a solid mass of muck, almost impassable.

In November of 1867, the old school house at Lower Oakland was the scene of a robbery, as reported in the local paper:

Robberies in Scotland, Oakland and Boston districts were cleared up when an 18-year-old youth was arrested. Goods and money, worth \$40, were taken from the home of Rev. H. Montgomery, Baptist Pastor at Scotland; \$30 worth of goods and jewelry from the home of Simon Nelles near Boston and a horse and buggy from the home of John Bryce, Secord's school house, Lower Oakland.



The Class of 1947
Ferne (Henry) Smith, teacher, (upper right)

Top Row:

La Verne Crumback, _____, Orland Birdsell, Ida Flett, _____, _____ Wilson,
Dorothy Thomas, Ferne Henry Smith (teacher)

Standing:

Louise Thompson, Joyce Edy, Doris Chmura, Ruth Ann Willson, Sonia Haven, Carolyn
Read, Marjorie Lonson, Madalene Mordue

Kneeling:

_____, Joe Balazs, Jim Birdsell, Keith Campbell, Arnold Flett, Irwin Thompson,
George Campbell

Seated:

Reg Willson, _____, Doug Thomas, Kenneth Smith, Leonard Mordue, Harold Birdsell,
John Birdsell, Lawrence Mordue

Absent:

Myrna Cunningham, Alfred Bonham, Marguerite Mordue

In 1959, a furnace, washroom and teachers' room were added. June 1965 saw the final classes held. A tender of \$4000.00 from John F. Scott of Dundas was accepted with a stipulation the building be demolished or made a dwelling within a year. The pupils numbering eighteen from Townsend went to school at Boston in the Fall term and the twelve from Oakland Township were diverted to Oakland.

For a hundred and three years this solid structure served the rural people of East Oakland and Townsend and many families in the community saw several generations acquire their elementary schooling here. At various times as many as five from one family were in attendance during the same term, among these the children of Sylvester and Harriett Stratford. Four generations of McEwans are known to have taken their education at the stone school. Miss Dorothy Meadows held the teaching position for several years around the period 1930.



SS#1 East Oakland 1956/57

Peter	_____	Phyllis	Sheila	Grace	Allan	David	Harry	Ann
Krowchuk	Alway	Cunningham	Janson	Oldengarn	Ionson	Pearce	Oldengarn	Hawty
_____	Janice	Linda	Gloria	Barbara	_____	Judy	Allan	David
	Harrison	Burtch	Krowchuk	Holowaty		Krowchuk	Smith	Rammage
_____	Donna	_____	_____	_____	_____	Jane	_____	_____
	Ionson					Gribben		
Paul	Marvin	_____	Fred	Jim	_____	Jim	_____	_____
Pearce	Smith		Cunningham	Harrison		Krowchuk		

Teacher - Mr. Stirling



June 25th 1965

On the left, seated in the school swing, is Randy Good youngest pupil. Standing behind is Mrs. Kathleen Campbell RR#3 Brantford, the last teacher to serve when East Oakland School closed its doors forever.



East Oakland School - Circa 1960
 (the building is now occupied as a private residence)

The following teachers, among others, taught at SS#1;

1861 Robert Edmonson at \$24.00 per month

1863 George Bryce at \$25.00 per month

1875 Mr. Nagle

1876 Miss Mary E. McLean - \$400.00 a year - taught for two years

1879 James Ross at \$450.00 a year

1930 Miss Dorothy Meadows

1947 Ferne (Henry) Smith

1965 Mrs. Kathleen Campbell - at the time of closure in June 1965

About 1820, another school was opened on a seasonal basis for dwellers in the southern tip of the Township. The building used was the Reverend Peter Fairchild's Baptist church, a log building which burned to the ground about 1840.

Oakland

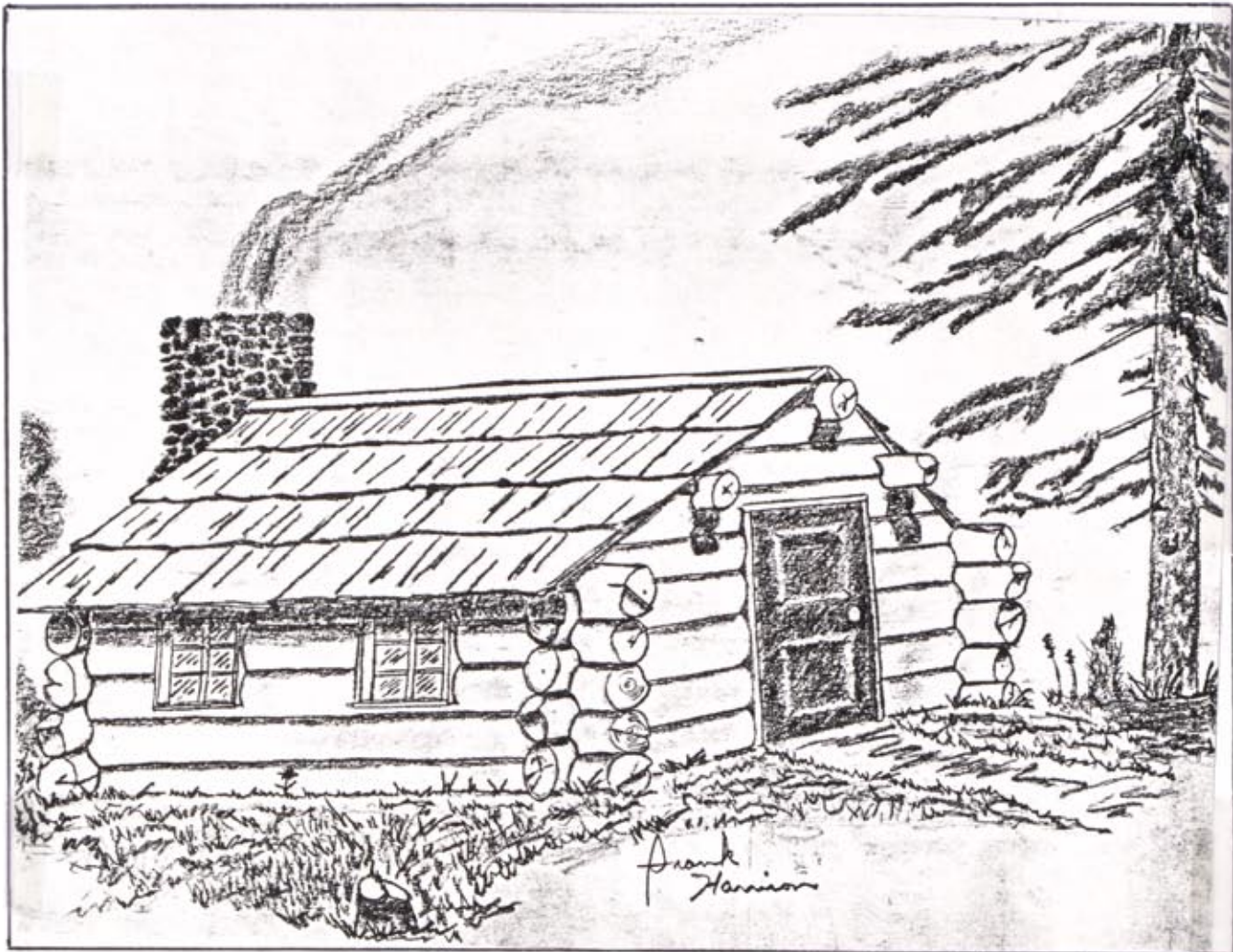
The village school house, built in 1823, was located on lot 6 Concession II property purchased from Adam Nelson Smith, son of Adam Sr. and Lucrecia (Beebe) Smith. The Shubael D. Malcolm property was to the west of the school and Charlotte Malcolm's property to the north. Located on a site some distance back off the Oakland Road, west of the existing United Church, the primitive log building stood for thirty-six years. Reportedly, the scholars sat on long plank benches, around a big table, the benches set on evenly sawed stumps. The teacher's desk was a primitive rough board piece, with basswood being the preferred lumber. It sat on a raised platform. The building itself was low-pitched, not spacious, with an open fireplace. Mr. Gough was the first teacher. He was paid eighty pounds per annum and free firewood.

It is said in folklore that the early teacher had two ways of deciding whether an arithmetic question was solved accurately; one was to refer to the key and when this was not readily available "guess" at it. As far as pupils were concerned both methods could be equally satisfactory!

Certificates were not in fashion then and the day of the County Board Examiner had not arrived and troubled not the dreams of pedagogues. Circuit riders and clergymen often had a direct hand in education at the local level and were expected to give of their time and literate talents to the children of the community. The average salary of a male teacher in 1850 was 60 pounds or \$240.00.

In her book "the way it was" Florence Vivian McEwan Eddy provides sketchy information depicting the primitive facilities offered in the one room classroom, at Oakland;

"the school was a small building with a large fireplace for heat. There was a blackboard at the front, benches for the children to sit on and a table and chair for the teacher. For keeping the fire going in the winter, shovelling the path (the school was set well back off the road) keeping the school clean and teaching girls and boys from 8 to 18 years, the teacher received \$300.00 from which he paid his board"



Circa 1835

Oakland's first school - commonly called "the Black Door" - described by a pupil who attended as "a log building, very small, low pitched and had a black door". After the building was vacated as a school in 1859, it was used by Nelson Adam Smith as a storehouse for farm products.

While reminiscing to a Brantford Expositor reporter in 1929, Joseph Roberts (1847-1941) of Oakland told the following anecdote;

"OLD SCHOOL HOUSE - Mr. Roberts tells a good story about the original school, and early school life. The little old school house was very small, was very bare and was very low-pitched. There were a few benches, hard and rough, and a big table at which the children sat. There was also a slightly raised platform for the teacher. The instruction such as was, administered with the birch rod, comprised the three R's exclusively. The lads worked in the fields in summer and went to school part time in the winter; some of them being almost grown men. One lad,

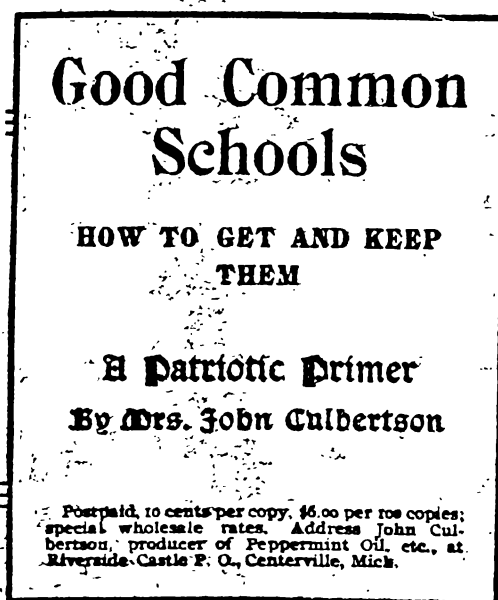
who was unusually tall, committed an offence not remembered now, and was told to stand up on the teacher's platform. Mr. Roberts laughingly told of his great gaunt form bent over and his head jammed against the roof as he attempted to obey orders - a six foot figure in a five foot space."

Editor's note - Mr. Roberts failed to mention that he and his fellow students often maligned their primitive place of learning by referring to it as "the Black Door". The school master at this time was William McQuire who became a participant in the Scotland Uprising of December, 1837.

The story told by Joseph Roberts vividly demonstrates why, in 1857, the Township Council received a petition from Robert Eadie and Shuman Bingham, Trustees of SS#2, requesting authority to build a new school for the sum of 3000 pounds. It is interesting to note that fifteen years later the Council had \$5,400.00 permanently invested for educational purposes with the savings secured by mortgage on real estate drawing seven to eight percent interest. At the time, Council was providing upkeep for six public schools in the township, as reported in the minutes of the day. Trustee Robert Eadie Sr. (1798-1882) was farmer on lot 4 Concession IV. His son Robert Jr. (1825-1879) farmed lot 6 Concession III, now the Yarek farm with an elegant old stone house on the property. Shuman Bingham (1798-1863) is shown as being a hatter.

A book titled "Good Common Schools - how to get and keep them" by Mrs. John (Dunnett) Culbertson (1847-1922), published in 1900, details the authors' concerns with the system as she experienced it, while a scholar at both the log school house and later, in 1860, when she transferred to a new building north of the village.

Martha Dunnett was the daughter of the Reverend Samuel Dunnett, a Baptist minister at Oakland. She entered the school system in 1853 at six years of age when the programs were under the supervision of the Township Superintendent, who was a preacher by profession, and, as Martha states in her reminiscences, "he gave little attention to school matters outside of visiting schools and saying all was in order, sitting on the Board of Examiners and looking over papers written by applicants for certificate. One other duty was that of collecting pay for his time, from monies appropriated for Common School purposes".



The following is a quote from Martha Culbertson's book. She is, of course, referring to herself and her own experiences while in the early stages of her education at Oakland;

"In the severe winter of 1855-56, memorable as the Crimean war period, I see a little eight year old girl in an Ontario school room sitting on the desk bench to which she had just been promoted as a scholar in the fourth reader. She loved her books, could read and spell, and give the meaning of words with their Greek and Latin roots. She had a copy book, but as the "master" was occupied during recess and noon in setting copies for some forty pupils, she seldom got a copy, and when she did, was liable to be "joggled"; so she did not write in school. Her father being a good penman, she wrote and ciphered a little at home. She also read in her reader and studied geography at home, as it was more quiet there."

Martha Dunnett, a student who craved knowledge, was the product of a family obsessed with attaining intellectual status. Her parent's influence, purposely imposed to gain maximum advantage of the system as it was then structured, had an impact. Martha deeply felt her responsibilities to attain a good education, but she quickly recognized a flawed methodology. The frustrations of the learning environment experienced by Martha in her primary grades are aptly highlighted. The education system of the mid nineteenth century had left memories which lingered during her lifetime, causing her to take pen in hand and document her frustration with the system, as she experienced it at Oakland and elsewhere.

Martha continues her autobiography:

"The winter of 1855-56 passed away, as did the summers and winters of 1856-57, 1857-58, 1858-59, and 1859-60. The old schoolhouse was vacated, and a new one built and occupied. It was a large brick building, well finished, and supplied with maps, globes, charts, etc. Martha was now twelve years of age. She was plodding along in practical, but had no knowledge, and stood in awe, of mental, or intellectual, arithmetic."

The sand desks were now gone and the new school house, built in 1859, was occupied. Furnished with maps, globes, charts and slates, it offered state of the art for that period. The new school had been built on lot 7 concession II, land purchased from Silas Smith, with the Robert Vanderlip property adjoining the north line of the acre lot (early in the next century the latter farm was bought by Perley Stratford who farmed there for over half a

century). The new school served as the educational centre for both Oakland and Maple Grove children. Later, Maple Grove built its own school. The Trustees were loaned 300 pounds from the Clergy Reserve to assist in construction of the new brick building. The old school site was sold in 1859 along with another site in the Township.

Martha Dunnett, a girl of twelve when she re-located to the new school north of the village to continue her education, continues her observations of the daily school routine in the 1850's:

"A normal school-teacher was employed. His methods were fine, one of which is worthy of special commendation; and since it may be used in schools, circles, and clubs to advantage, we will give it here:-

Each day he wrote on the blackboard notes from a notebook compiled at the Toronto normal school. A week's work for the history class was usually on the board at one time. Each pupil had a blank notebook, and was required to copy the notes one day in advance of the lesson.

Those history notes composed what the teacher called a skeleton of history. The history notes began with the creation and fall of man, continued through ancient, medieval, modern, English, Canadian, and United States history, giving the principal events with their dates. A certain topic as comprised in the notes composed the lesson. It was wholly immaterial what history was used, or rather who was the author of it. The notes were used in school, and the details were read up at home. The regular lesson was replete with details, as there was always a rivalry as who could better give the details in the more choice language.

There was a regular lesson in history each day, Friday excepted. That was review day, and was a test of proficiency, or rather a drill with a view to proficiency, in the notes gone over in detail during the week. If one has not obtained notes, he may compile them. This method not only makes historical knowledge acquirable by all, and fastens it upon or in the memory, but it settles the vexed text-book question as well."

(The teacher referred to is believed to have been Henry J. Brice who was living on lot 7 Concession I in the year 1861.)

Martha's epigram continues:

"Martha plodded along in arithmetic from the age of twelve to sixteen, learned the rules, and could, give her time, fit a rule to almost any example. She could work fractions, proportion, square and cube root, percentage, including interest, partial payments, etc. A class in mental arithmetic was organized at this time. There were fifteen in the class, all grown to the stature of men and women except one pupil, called "Ike". He was about Martha's age, but small of his age. There was just one subject in which he excelled her, and that was mental arithmetic. There was no text-book in intellectual arithmetic in use in Canada at the time; no opportunity to prepare for the mental drill given each day. The teacher gave examples out of his head, and Ike solved them in his head, the other fourteen pupils deriving little benefit from the exercise. To Martha it was torture. And yet she would have worked so hard to have attained proficiency in mental arithmetic had she had a text-book on the subject.

So much for trying to teach intellectual arithmetic in connection with written arithmetic, or without a system of instruction supplemented by a proper text-book."

As Martha experienced it while a scholar, the school system at Oakland and elsewhere was flawed - ill trained teachers, primitive buildings, inadequate teaching aids, poor co-ordination between the County School Boards, lack of funding and, in her view, the basic subject, arithmetic, was taught improperly whereby mathematical solutions were found by the use of "written arithmetic" as opposed to the "intellectual system". As Martha states, "an idle brain will never be the devil's workshop unless the brain is idle". In her view, the students were not being taxed sufficiently to use their given intellect.

To secure a permit and gain entry into the teaching profession was Martha's goal:

"A teachers' examination was held at Brantford, Ontario. Both Martha and Ike applied for certificates. It was a written examination. Martha was good in theory; could answer almost any question in geography, physiology, or in history from Adam down; could analyze plants and dissect animals, recite any of the thirty-six rules of syntax, or parse Milton's "Paradise Lost". She obtained a second-class certificate and Ike a third.

She was too little to teach school; but she had uncles in the country who were school officers, and to them she applied for a school. It was a happy morning when Martha took the Grand Trunk - or rather it took her - at Brantford; and a happier evening when she arrived at Colborn, one hundred and eighty miles distant, and found

cousins, John and Mary Jane, waiting to drive her to the "English settlement", nine miles north, where she was to teach her first school."

Once she became an experienced teacher holding a first class certificate in Brant County, Martha moved on to Centerville, Michigan in 1870. She married John Culbertson, a farmer in Nottawa Township, raised a large family, and took on a leadership role in State and National affairs. From a historical publication "A Portrait and Biographical Album of St. Joseph County Michigan" published at Chicago in 1889 is found a reference to this remarkable woman whose upbringing and school grounding, despite its shortcomings, at Oakland augured well for her future pursuits as a national figure. It states;



Circa 1865
Martha Ann Dunnett
(1847-1922)

"Mrs. Culbertson investigated the subjects of finance, transportation and tariff, and became one of the most thorough political economists in the Nation."

Editors' note - A complete biography of the Dunnett family may be found in the Oakland Township library and elsewhere by referring to a book titled "You're a Stratford" Volume III.

Old minute books reveal the following:

In 1833/34, each pupil paid 1/3 (sterling) per month to attend school, unless indigent circumstances could be proven - plus another tax of one mill and 6/10 on the dollar of the rateable property for those in the School Section sending children to the school. For operational purposes, the trustees received a legislative grant and interest from the Clergy Reserve fund. At that time, the bills were paid in sterling. It was not until 1857 that the conversion to the dollar was made. The trustees in 1855 were Robert Eadie (1825-1879), Isaac B. Malcolm (1812-1867) and

Francis Fairchild (1820-1897). Other early trustees were Neal Lefler (1820-1889), Smith Beebe (1825-1877) and W.J. Abbott.

In 1863, the School Board advertised in the Toronto Globe and Mail for a first class certificate teacher to commence teaching in 1864. The population in the School Section was 446 people, 133 of school age.

In 1866, the Trustees gave notice to the teacher to quit and they received a petition from Mordecai Westbrook Jr. of lot 7 Concession I on account of same. On July 2nd, the teacher was given notice to close the school within a month.

In 1871, the secretary was asked to communicate with Adam N. Smith (1816-1904) farmer lot 6 Concession II to come forward with the balance owing by him for the purchase of the old school site near the church thirteen years earlier - his payment was twelve years delinquent. He was given a year to pay and the debt was reduced to \$50.00. The same year, the teacher was given a month's notice and the Board paid Mr. Scott 10 shillings for hauling water to the school and Mr. North Anders was paid \$5.00 for the use of his well for three years. Also, a survey was made of the School Section to determine the number of truant children.

In 1872, a well was dug at the school site.

In 1875, Orrin H. Lawrence (1818-1880) was appointed Secretary/Treasurer at a fee of \$10.00 per year. (At this time Dr. Kelly was the County School Inspector.) Orrin Lawrence served as the Township Clerk from 1874 to 1880.

In 1876, the teacher is shown as J.J. Simms, paid \$450.00 per annum and his monitor was Miss Simms who was paid \$20.00 (the "monitor" title was given to a senior pupil who assisted the teacher, in this case the teacher's daughter).

In 1877, J.J. Simms was paid \$525.00 per annum with the proviso he pay out of this sum his own monitor. At the close of the school exams this year, a social gathering and picnic was arranged for July 6th at Westbrook's Grove, south of the village at the top of the hill. Wilsonville and Maple Grove schools joined the gathering. Prizes were awarded at this time.

In 1878, new desks were ordered from Wm Patterson at Brantford at \$3.75 each. They had folding seats attached. Also ordered was a new teachers' desk at \$12.00. Robert Knox (1837-1910), a brother of Franklin Knox (1848-1923) a well known builder, was contracted to paint the school inside and out. The contract stated that he was required to "furnish the material" and "do a good job". During the year a dispute erupted with the Maple Grove trustees. They had built their own school and wanted a share of the surplus monies at the time of the dissolution of the two school sections, amounting to \$114.00. The Oakland trustees sought legal advice from Hardy & Wilks, Barristers in Brantford.

In 1878, the teacher was G. Stewart who was paid \$450.00 per annum. He opened school for the term on August 18th.

In 1880, a new pump was bought, the Hopkins patent was obtained for a trial of three weeks. During the school term in 1880, the Secretary/Treasurer Orrin H. Lawrence died. His death occurred on October 11th, at sixty-two years of age. He is buried in Oakland cemetery. To the surprise of the auditors, Henry Key (1840-1925) farmer at Oakland and Wm Anders, they found \$137.00 missing after Mr. Lawrence died. The trustees, Abraham Westbrook (1844-1910), farmer, and John Proper (1829-1909), storekeeper, were held liable for the loss. However, the trustees of the next year, Stephen Vivian (1850-1927), millwright, and Mordecai Westbrook (1840-1913) relented and accepted a proposition that Abraham Westbrook and John Proper pay two thirds of the loss and the school section would absorb a loss of one third of the amount of \$137.00.

In 1884, new posts were installed and fence repairs carried out. The fence at the front of the school was to be a picket fence. In this year the caretaker John Waugh (1832-1913), storekeeper, was paid \$25.00 to light the fires and sweep the school house.

The maple trees which still stand on this lot, now a residence, were planted in 1861 by Gordon Beebe for the sum of \$4.00. The water supply was an outside pump.

NOTICE

Oakland December 20th 1884

Notice is hereby given that the Annual School Meeting of School Section No.2 will be held in the School house of the above named School Section on Wednesday the 26th inst. at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving and deciding upon Trustees and Auditors report. Electing Trustee also an Auditor for the School Section and for transacting, any other business that may be legally done at such meeting.

Trustees } Abraham Westbrook
 } Isaac Kelly
 } Thomas Mills

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Art Nellie Ernest Bob Gertie Maud Evelyn
 Rock Knox Vivian Sweers Giles Sweers Huffman

Lottie Eva Alice Flossie Clarence _____ Harold Miss L.M. Pascoe
 Knox Wheeler Rammage Vivian Martin Fisher teacher

_____ Harry Iva Dora Loreen Sadie Eva Elwood
 Knox Dunnett Zimmerman Martin Cramer Burton Anders

Mordecai Harry George Alex C. Russell
 McEwan Wesbrook Sweers Grantham Rammage

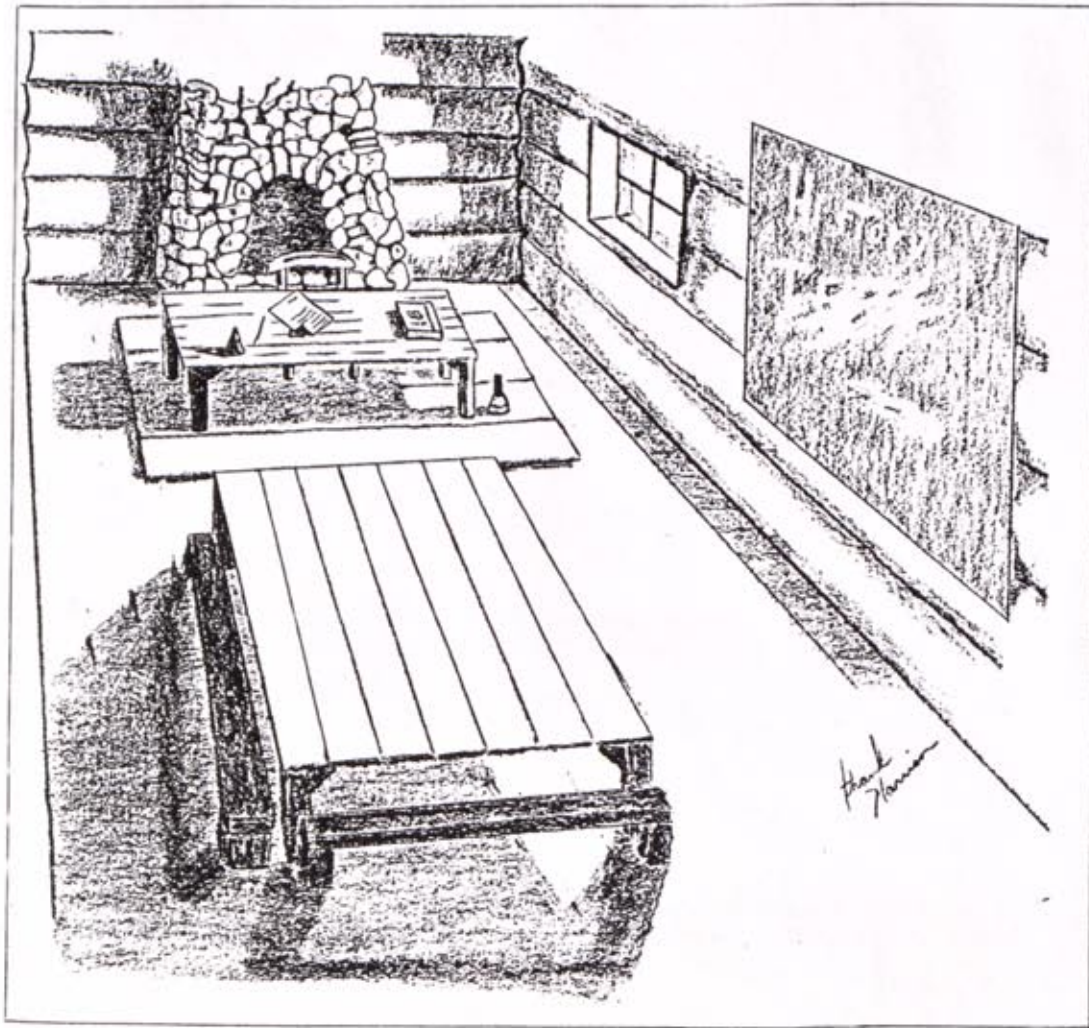
*Contract Agreement made in Duplicate this Third Day
 of December 1903*

between

*Lorrie M. Pascoe of the County of Simcoe, the holder of
 a Second Class Professional Certificate of qualification
 and The Trustees of S.S.No.2 Township of Oakland.*

*We the undersigned Trustees hereby engage the said
 Lorrie M. Pascoe as teacher of said School for the year
 beginning Jan 4th 1904 for the annual salary of Three
 Hundred and Fifty Dollars.
 Payable quarterly*

Lorrie M. Pascoe { A. Wesbrook
 Teacher { John Hoffman



Martha Dunnett's classroom - Circa 1854

The class of 1909/10, taught by Mr. Woltz, consisted of:

Russell Rammage, George Sweers, Mable Knox, Gladys Westbrook, Dora Zimmerman, Iva Dunnett, Sadie Cramer, Allie Grantham, Cyril Button, Stan Cramer, Gordon Knox, Gordon Thaylam, Leta Messecar, Naomi Rock, Myrtle Hall, Birdie Miller, Gladys Messecar, Gladys Rock, Beryl Dunnett, Alfreda Grantham, Madeline Plasted, Walker Grantham, Cecil Misener, Mordecai Westbrook, Ed Carpenter, Walter Hepburn, Geo Plasted, Bruce Young, Velma Shepherd and Laverne Button.



1909
Mr. Woltz
teacher



SS#2 Oakland - Circa 1910

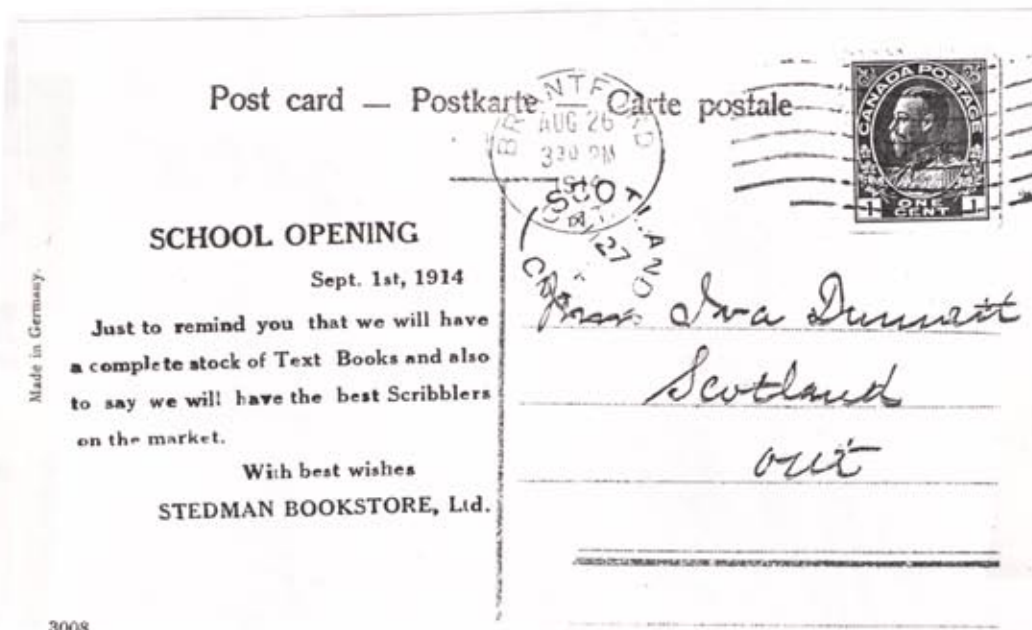
Bert Ada Iva Marlee Stanley
Phalen Rock Dunnett Knox Cramer

Cyril Walker Myrtle Leta Miss Florence Gladys
Button Grantham Hall Messecar Patton Campbell Westbrook _____
(teacher)

Velma Madeline Birdie Alfreda Beryl Gladys Lena Ethel
Shepherd Plasted Miller Grantham Dunnett Messecar Young Westbrook
(holding the sign)

_____ Lloyd Bruce Walter Reg Mordecai Laverne George
Vivian Young Hepburn Button Wesbrook Button Plasted

Below is a 1914 postcard and advertisement issued by Stedman's Book Store alerting school children to buy their books and scribblers for the upcoming term.





SS#2 OAKLAND 1921

top row

Wallace Charlie Gordon Lyle Cyril
Martin Down Kitchen McEwan Capling

second row

Helen Leta Violet Ray Keith Lloyd Bill John George
Kitchen Mordue Lefler Sweers Flanders Wesbrook Baldwin Down Sweers

third row

Lizzie Ruth Gertie Ralph Stan Nina Nellie Lila Thelma
Robertson Weaver Davis Stratford Stratford Capling Hilborn McEwan Carpenter

Jean Alta Rena Miss Wallace
Hilborn Secord Swartout Gignac Young
(teacher)

fourth row

Edward Bill Franklin Gordon Eileen Edna Evelyn Velma Clair Russell
Rock Davis "Chub" Merritt Short Stratford Dunningham Burrage Sweers Kitchen

Martin
(died in action -
Dieppe 1942)

Homer Gordon
Wesbrook Lefler

front row

Velma Evelyn Evelyn Ethel
Stratford Hilborn Down Carpenter

Miss Gignac taught at Oakland from 1912 to 1925 followed by Miss Brocklebank. During the early part of Miss Gignac's tenure, the average teachers' salary ranged from \$520.00 annually (male) to \$445.00 (female). By 1920, the salary had increased to \$1,020.00 annually (male) and \$755.00 (female) - the pressures of the war years (1914-1918) brought salaries up considerably.



1923

Gertie	Molly	Evelyn	Helen	Evelyn	Lizzie	_____	Evelyn		
Davis	Springall	Cannell	Kitchen	Down	Robertson		Dunningham		
Thelma	Lila	Ruth	Ethel	_____	Velma	Velma	Edna	Hazel	
Carpenter	McEwan	Weaver	Carpenter		Stratford	Burrage	Stratford	Burton	
Gordon	Wallace	Lyle	Homer	Franklin	George	Bill	Russell	Lloyd	Stan
Kitchen	Young	McEwan	Wesbrook	Martin	Sweers	Davis	Kitchen	Wesbrook	Mordue
John	Cecil	Ray	Auclair	Charlie	Bill	_____	Stan	Ralph	
Down	Down	Sweers	Sweers	Down	Baldwin		Stratford	Stratford	

(Teacher - Miss Gignac)



SS#2 OAKLAND 1924/25

Miss Gertie Lizzie Evelyn Ruth Nellie Evelyn Evelyn Bill Lyle
 Gignac Davis Robertson Dunningham Weaver Hilborn Down Hilborn Davis McEwan
 (teacher) Charlie
 Down

Cecil Thelma Jean John Velma Lottie Jean Lloyd John Clark Ralph
 Down Carpenter Hilborn Ripley Burrage Martin McEwan Westbrook Down Weaver Stratford
 Bill North
 Baldwin Anders

Glen Stan Teddy _____ Eula Jean Margaret Hazel Hilda Gerry George
 Hilborn Stratford Fly _____ Stratford Burrage Baldwin Button Mordue Ripley Hiborn
 Joe
 Carpenter

(Historical records show a total of forty-three pupils attending SS#2 Oakland in the year 1921 - Miss Gignac teacher.)



On the left is Miss Eva Brocklebank,
teacher at SS#2 from 1925 to 1932.



SS#2 OAKLAND 1933

Mary	Mary	Roy	Gerry	Lorne	Clarence	Don	Omer	Bruce	
McKeen	Borzai	Fitchett	Ripley	Wilbee	Rowswell	McEwan	Rammage	Stratford	
Burnley	Gale	Lorne	Les	Stu	Cliff	Bob	Art	Jim	Charlie
Stratford	Macaulay	Stratford	Macaulay	Rammage	Churchill	Macaulay	McEwan	Speechley	Rammage
								Marg	Shirley
								Smith	Burrage
Norma	Helen	Louise	Marion	Joyce	Marjory	Ted	Laurel	Dorothy	Jean
Anders	Stratford	McIntyre	Montgomery	Burrage	McKeen	Martin	Watters	Smith	Rammage
								Norma	Betty
								Burrage	McKeen
Mabel	Earl	Albert	Norman	Les	Donaline	Doris	Yvonne		
Stratford	Stratford	Speechley	Fitchett	Stratford	Allen	Ripley	Button		
						Ernest	Jack	Joe	
						Speechley	Churchil	Thomas	

FORM OF AGREEMENT

FOR

Engagement of a Public School Teacher

Memorandum of Agreement made this fifth day of June 1929, between the Public School Board of Section No. two in the Township of Oakland [for the Public School Board of the City, Town or Village of Oakland], and Eva M Brocklebank of Streetsville Ont., the holder of a Second class Certificate of qualification as a Public School Teacher in Ontario as follows:

1. The Board of Public School Trustees hereby contracts with and employs for service in its school such Teacher at a yearly salary of Twelve Hundred dollars, for the term of one year, beginning on the first day of September one thousand nine hundred and twenty nine, and ending on the last day of June one thousand nine hundred and thirty, and further agrees that it and its successors in office will pay such salary to the said Teacher at least monthly, and will exercise all powers and perform all duties under the Public Schools Act and Regulations of the Department of Education which may be requisite for making such payment.

2. The Teacher agrees with the said Board of Public School Trustees to teach and conduct the said school during the said term, according to the said Law and Regulations in that behalf.

3. The foregoing is subject to the following conditions: (1) That the Teacher shall continue to be the holder of a legal certificate of qualification as a Public School Teacher in Ontario. (2) That holidays and vacations prescribed by the Laws and Regulations are excepted from the said term. (3) That the days on which the Teacher has attended the meetings of the Teachers' Associations or Institutes, as certified by the Inspector or Chairman thereof, shall be allowed her as if she had actually taught in the said School; and (4) That in case of sickness, as certified by a registered medical practitioner, she shall be entitled to receive her salary without deduction, for such period as may be authorized under the Statute in that behalf.

4. The Board of Public School Trustees and the Teacher may, at their option, respectively, terminate this engagement by giving notice in writing to the other of them at least one calendar months previously, and so as to terminate on the last day of a calendar month.

5. This agreement shall also be construed to continue in force from year to year, unless and until it is terminated by the notice hereinbefore prescribed.

As witness the Corporate Seal of the said Board of Public School Trustees and the hand and seal of the Teacher, on the day and year first above-mentioned.

Signed and Sealed in the presence of

June 5th 1929

Perley Stratford

Walter J. Burrows

C. Roy McEwan

Trustees. [Corporate Seal]

Eva M Brocklebank

Teacher [Seal]

[In Duplicate.] One copy to be retained by the Board and the other by the Teacher.



Entrance class 1933

Lorne Clarence "Rosy"
Wilbee Rowsell

Mary Bob Omer Mary
McKeen Macaulay Rammage Borzai

For many years the graduating students were required to travel to the Echo Place School SS#14 to write their entrance examinations, or as an option, at Scotland School. In

earlier years, graduates from SS#2 not only went to High School at Scotland or Brantford but some also attended Simcoe High School where it was necessary to find a boarding place during the week at school, coming home on weekends.

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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MONTHLY REPORT

(Sept., 1931..... to June, 1932.....)

of Jean Rammage a pupil
of Section No. 2 Tp. of Oakland

Form 4

E. M. Brocklebank Teacher

T. W. STANDING, P. S. Inspector

Sept, 19 to June, 19	Oral Reading	Spelling	Writing	Compo- sition	Literature	Arith- metic	Grammar	Geogra- phy	History	Hygiene	Art	Nature Study	Average
Sept.	75	20	90										61
Oct.	74	56				50							60
Nov.	64	0	90		80								58
Dec.	63	74	70		70								74
Jan.	63		87		66	70							72
Feb.	62	60	88			30		90					66
March	60				72			70					67
April	61	76	90		88	74		80					78
May	62	52	73		95	74		70					71
June	63	48	66		98	95		94			61		75
Average													

Certificate of Promotion to Next Form

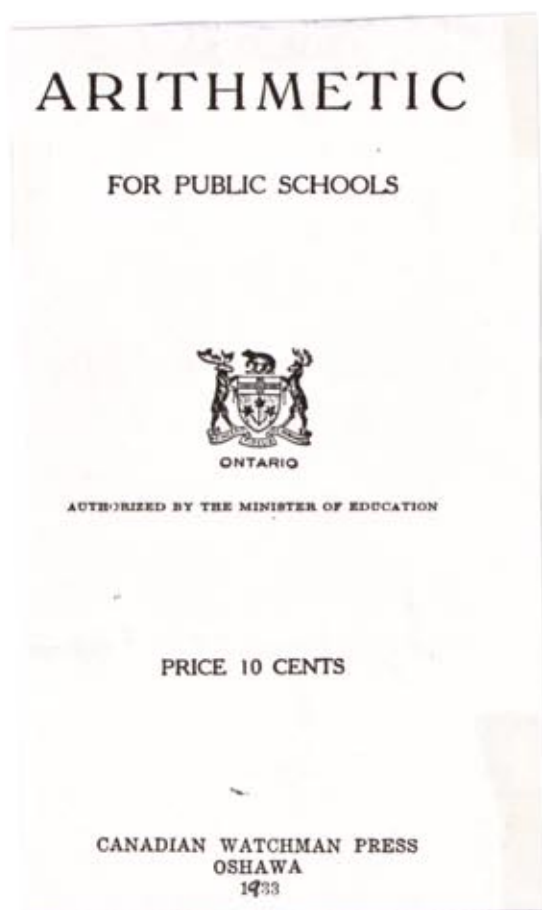
It is hereby Certified that Jean Rammage
has completed the course in Form 4 and has
been regularly promoted to Form 5 with Honours

Dated June 1932 E. M. Brocklebank Principal

Pupils removing to another School should present this report
so as to be properly Classified

Rank	Pupils in Class	Effort	Conduct	Days Absent	Times Late	Teacher's Initials	Signature of Parent or Guardian, who is requested to examine this report carefully each month
4	8	E	G			E.B.	Mrs. R. Rammage
4	8	E	G			E.B.	Mrs. R. Rammage
5	8	E	G	0		E.B.	Mrs. R. Rammage
5	8	E	G	0		E.B.	J. Rammage
2	9	E	G			E.B.	J. Rammage
4	9	E	G			E.B.	J. Rammage
2	9	E	G			E.B.	J. Rammage
2	9	E	G			E.B.	J. Rammage
2	9	E	G			E.B.	J. Rammage

NOTE:—Maximum in each subject, 100. Effort and conduct are indicated by letters: E. excellent; G. good; F. fair; P. poor.



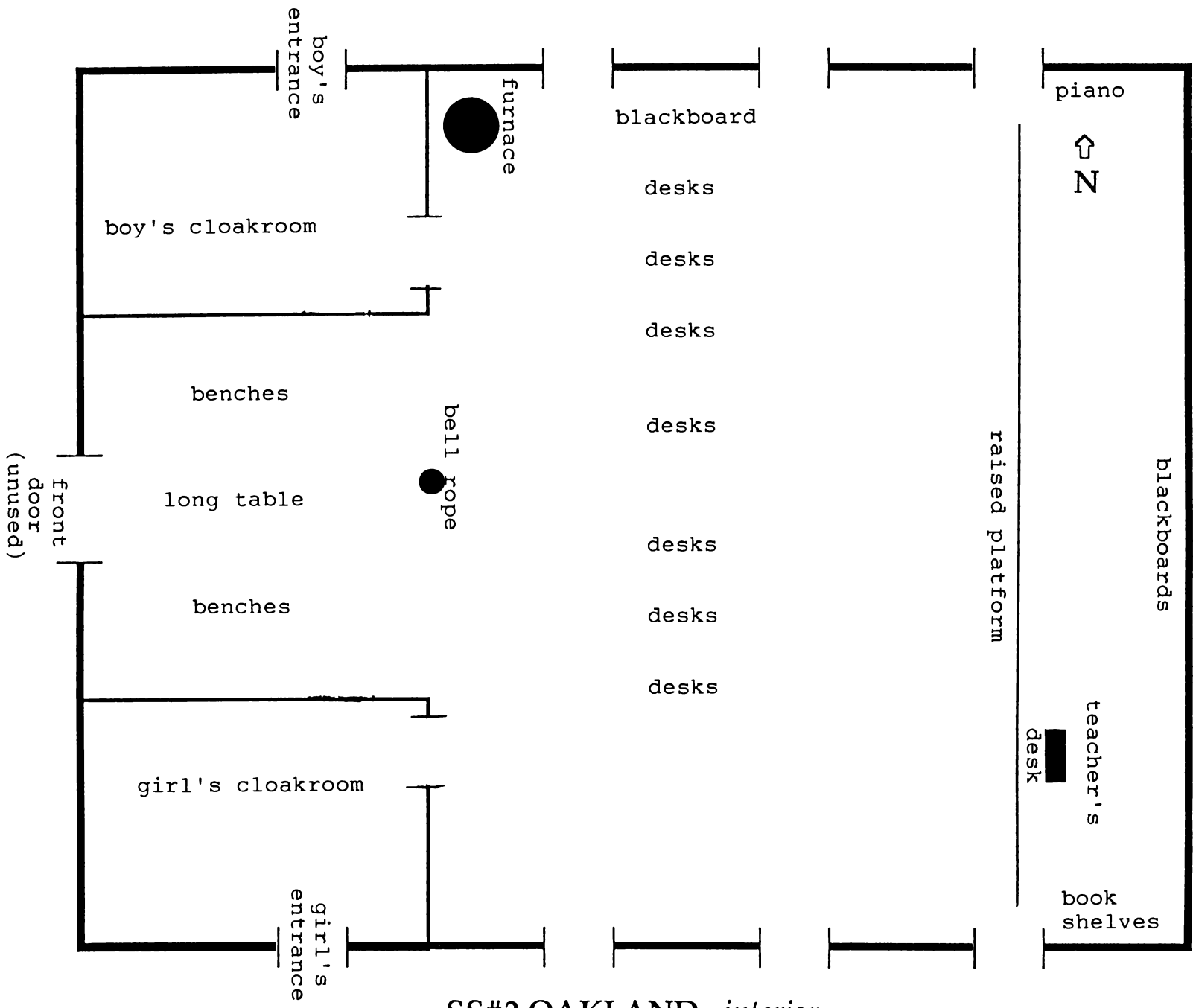
Circa 1931
The interior of SS#2 Oakland

This grade one student is seated in the first row on the north side of the one room school. The picture was taken facing west with the woodburning furnace and stove pipe visible at the back of the room. The teachers' area was on a raised platform, with the blackboards behind the teachers' desk, on the east wall. There were eight rows of desks running from west to east. The desks had a seat that lifted up. The students were seated, respectively, on the front part of

the desk of the person behind them. Storage for books was found under the desk top.

The school had three entrances. One at the west end of the school, which was sealed off and not used, one at the south west corner, used by the girls, and another entrance at the north west corner which the boys used. It was considered a breach of conduct for the boys and girls to inter-change their entrance areas. A separate area away from the main classroom at the west end of the school, was utilized for special projects such as manual training, also as a noon hour lunch area with hot meals provided in the winter months.

Construction of the school was commenced in 1857 - total cost \$1800.00 - Mr. Wm Smith contractor and builder. In 1871, there were 528 inhabitants within SS#2 and 153 pupils age 5 to 16. In this year, school attendance was made compulsory and the boys attended in the winter months but were free to help on the farms in the spring and fall.



SS#2 OAKLAND - interior



SS#2 Oakland
October 15, 1934

Roy Fitchett Mr. Barrett (teacher) Donald McEwan

Norma Marjory Dorothy Laurel Jean Shirley Margery Joyce Marion
Burrage McKeen Smith Watters Rammage Burrage Smith Burrage Montgomery

Norman Dorothy Ethel Yvonne Helen Mabel Doris Norma Earnest Betty
Fitchett Stratford Thomas Button Stratford Stratford Ripley Anders Speechley McKeen

Ted Stuart Clifford Leslie Charlie Bruce Lawrence Arthur Lorne
Martin Rammage Churchill Macaulay Rammage Stratford Speechley McEwan Stratford

Gale
Macaulay

Jack _____ Leslie Howard Earl Burnley Joe
Churchill Stratford McEwan Stratford Stratford Thomas

(Of this class at least eighteen pupils are related either closely or distantly)

The janitor during this period was Hayward Rowswell of Oakland village.

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**BRANT AND NORTH NORFOLK
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

MONTHLY REPORT

(Sept., 1933..... to June, 1934.....)

of Helen Stratford a pupil of
 Section No. 2 Township of Oakland
 Form 31
C. A. Barrett Teacher

Pupils will take this Report with them when they remove to another School.

W. JOYCE, B.A.
Public School Inspector

TO PARENTS

This report will be sent to you at the end of each school month of the year. The report gives, in the judgment of the teacher, a fair and impartial estimate of your child's work and conduct in school. You are requested to carefully examine and compare this report with your estimate of what your child should accomplish. Is progress, effort and conduct satisfactory?

If the report is not satisfactory to you, please do not lose any time in having a personal interview with the teacher. The teacher may be consulted before or after school hours, not during school hours. We shall reach the best results through a clear understanding and a hearty co-operation.

TO THE TEACHER

This card is intended to contain all the reports necessary to be made regarding the attendance, conduct and class standing of the pupil herein named. Fill the blanks regularly and carefully at the close of each school month. All entries should be made in ink. Send it to the parents promptly and see that it is returned promptly with the proper signature.

If rightly used, this card will prove a valuable medium of communication between you and the parent. It should stimulate the pupil to do better work at all times, and should assist you greatly in securing desirable results at school.

TO THE PUPIL

This card contains a record of your work and behaviour in school for one year.

Every school-month a summary of a report like this will be entered in the permanent school records. We are sure that you will endeavour to make this history of your school days one of which you will always be proud.

Strive to be in your place ALWAYS, and ON TIME, and to do your best. Only in this way can you hope to attain success. Try to surpass.

Helen Stratford - SS#2 Oakland - Sr. I (continued)
Teacher - Clarence A. Barrett

Month	Oral Reading	Writing	History	Geography	Comp'tion	Literature	Grammar	Spelling	Arithmetic	Mech.Arith. III, IV, Bk.	Hygiene	Art	Nature Study	Percentage	Times Late	Half Days Absent	Conduct	Effort	Pupils in Class	Rank
Sept.	90	90						84	85					87	0	0	G	G	8	1
Oct.	90	80						82	85					84	0	1	G	G	8	1
Nov.	95	95						76	90					86	0	0	G	G	8	1
Dec.	90	60						100	90					90	0	0	F	E	8	1
Jan.	85	85						100	90					90	0	0	G	E	8	1
Feb.	95	65						100	100					90	0	0	G	E	8	1
March	95	81						94	93					91	0	0	E	E	8	1
April	95	80						100	95					93	0	0	E	E	8	1
May	95	85						100	95					94	0	0	E	E	8	1
June	96	75						100	91					91	0	0	E	E	8	1
Average	93	81						94	91					90					8	1

Teacher's Remarks	Teacher's Initials	Parent's Signature	Parent's Remarks
Good Work ^{inclined talk to much.}	B.	Perley Stratford	
Good Work ^{language still gets into trouble}	B.	Perley Stratford	
Conduct good this month	B.	Perley Stratford	
Good	B.	Perley Stratford	
.	B.	Mrs Perley Stratford	
	B.	Perley Stratford	
1st Class Honours.	B.	Perley Stratford	

NOTES -

1. Marks in school studies will be entered in figures denoting percentage; Conduct and Effort in letters: E is Excellent; G is Good; F is Fair; P is Poor.
2. Low marks in Conduct and Effort indicate wasted time. This needs immediate attention.
3. Marks in Art, Nature Study and Hygiene will be reported three times during the year, in December, March and June.
4. Please examine closely anything underscored.



Norma Anders Norma Burrage Laurel Watters Jean C. Barrett Rammage (teacher) Margery Smith Marion Montgomery Joyce Burrage Louise McIntyre Mabel Stratford

Betty Buroughs Ethel Thomas Thurley Anders Helen Stratford Donaline Allen Yvonne Button Phyllis Grantham Dorothy Stratford Dorothy Westbrook Marion McCombs

Leslie Stratford Joseph Thomas Burnley Stratford Lorne Stratford Clifford Churchill Stuart A. Rammage Leslie Macaulay Peter Dyson Lawrence (Jim) Speechley Edmond (Ted) Martin Frank Waldick

George Stratford Donald Stratford Keith McCombs Earl Stratford Earnest Speechley Albert Speechley Jack Churchill Gale Macaulay Glendon McCombs Richard Button

Clarence Barrett served as teacher for several years in the 1930's and was followed by Whitmore Griffin in 1937 who married a local girl, Margaret Baldwin, daughter of Carman L. Baldwin (1887-1926) and Belle Stuart Miller (1886-1971).

Early in the twentieth century, the school system placed greater emphasis on practical agricultural projects. The Department of Agriculture co-operated with the county of Brant School Board in organizing school fairs. As for the students of SS#2, they were eligible to attend and participate in the Rural School Fair held yearly at Mount Pleasant or Maple Grove. Agriculture and household science exhibits were featured, both providing an opportunity for the rural boys and girls to display

their skills, their produce and livestock competitively. There was an awakened interest in this form of extra curricular activity in the 1930's. For hours at a time, farm boys in the township practised their showmanship skills in the barnyards so that a well trained and groomed calf would perform, with obedience, in the show ring.

In the show ring are boys from the County, ten to twelve years of age, showing Jersey calves. The Oakland boy on the far right took first prize and became the Mount Pleasant School Fair high score



boy. The judging was based on a scoring system that allowed sixty percent maximum for showmanship. The School Fair activities were co-ordinated by the county agricultural representative, H.A. Dorrance. His Department furnished seeds to the pupils to grow flowers and vegetables for the annual fair.

1936
Mount Pleasant School Grounds

A medal awarded to first prize winners at the Brant County Rural School Fair in 1936.




 ONTARIO
 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

High School Entrance Certificate

It is hereby certified

That Stuart Rammage
*has complied with the requirements for admission to a Collegiate
 Institute, High School, Continuation School or Vocational School.*

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE BOARD

at Brantford, Ontario July 27, 1938.
H. Joyce B.A. Albert E. Judge B.A.
SECRETARY CHAIRMAN



SS#2 Oakland 1937 - teacher Whitmore Griffin

Back:

Norma Burrage, Lillian Phillips, Norma Anders, Joe Thomas, Jack Churchill, Albert Speechley, Earl Stratford, Ernest Speechley, Arnold _____, Louise McIntyre, Mabel Stratford, Helen Stratford.

Centre:

Burnley Stratford, Thurley Anders, Phyllis Grantham, Dorothy Stratford, Betty Burrows, Dorothy Westbrook, Norma Stratford, Mary Phillips, Jean Thomas, Shirley Churchill, Ethel Thomas, Les. Stratford, Gale Macaulay.

Front:

Ralph Schaeffer, George Stratford, Clair Phillips, Don Stratford, James Featherstone, Howard Stratford, Fred Phillips, Gerald Schaeffer.



SS#2 Oakland - opened in 1859 and destroyed by fire in February 1942 - situated on Lot 7, Concession II, north of the Village of Oakland. It served both Oakland and Maple Grove until a new school house was built at the latter place in 1873. The old site at Oakland, west of the church, was sold on October 28, 1858 to Nelson Smith for \$105.00 - one fifth down the remainder to be paid within a year at six percent interest.

Fire on a cold winter night in February 1942 demolished the landmark which had stood for eighty-three years. It was caused by a faulty heating arrangement. The furnace sat on a wooden floor. The intense heat set the floor on fire and the furnace fell through the floor causing the pipes to separate and the whole building went up in flames. The fire was first noticed by a passing Canada Bread driver who went to the home of Marquis Waugh (the Grantham place south of the school) to report it. Marquis (1905-1983) rushed to the school but could save nothing nor could he make an entry into the burning inferno. The night of the fire was particularly inclement and snowy. Some locals took to their horse and cutter to view the ruins, the roads being plugged with drifting snow.

Temporary school accommodation was found for SS#2 students at the United Church Sunday School basement room and later at the C.O.F. Hall. A new school was erected at the four corners, Miss Elizabeth P. Murdock of Durham, Ontario being the first to teach there.



Circa 1944 - Oakland Public School

Joan	Shirley	Jean	Norma	Miss Eliz	Norma	Bruce	Gerald	Merlin
Campbell	Churchill	Thomas	Allan	P. Murdock	Stratford	Shellard	Schaeffer	Prout
								Howard
								Stratford
Marilyn	Jean	Gwen	Gordon	Barry	Doug	Keith	Boyd	Don
Rammage	Abbott	Barnes	Stratford	Youngblut	Youngblut	Gear	Allison	Abbott
								Earl
								Schaeffer
Ruby	Roberta	Mary	Anna	Charles	Larry	Ken	Hugh	Melville
Thomas	Knott	Allan	Franks	Woodard	Prout	Stratford	Vivian	Allison
								McFarlane



1950 - Oakland Public School

Mr. Norm
Burtch - teacher

Murdie	Don	Nora	Jeanne	Mary	Marilyn	Willard	Melville
McFarlane	Abbott	Allison	Abbott	Allan	Rammage	Lefler	Allison

Sandra	Minnie	Isabelle	Jacqueline	Ruby	Bobby	Barbara	Bessie
Knott	Powell	Orchard	Wilkins	Thomas	Knott	Bowen	Lefler

Clifford	Jimmy	Lawrence	David	Floyd
Hutchinson	Bowen	Stratford	Chandler	Sutherland

Because of changing circumstances, the school at Oakland was closed in 1978 but not without some local resistance. The Brant County School Board made the ultimate decision but were accused of bureaucratic bungling and deception. They claimed their decision was based on education policy to centralize which would enhance efficiency and economy. An ad hoc Committee set up on April 10th made its recommendations. On June 14th the decision was reached to close the school effective June 26th, 1978. A local group called the Oakland-Scotland Committee for Quality Education, chaired by Margaret Hunter, contested the County Boards decision but failed in their efforts. The Oakland area students are now bused to other schools and the building has since been occupied as a Community Centre, Masonic Hall and Township Office.

The Chairwoman of the ad hoc Committee for Quality Education had this to say in a letter to the Editor:

QUOTE:

The school situation in Oakland-Scotland area is now very complex. It needn't be.

Those who have followed events in this community over the last six months may conclude that certain administrators with the Brant County Board of Education have created confusion where none need exist.

Attempting to unravel the situation is now a monumental task. Rather than attempt this, let's look at what may be the origin of the problem.

First, we should question whether the board is a democratic organization — or a heavy-handed bureaucracy.

A democratic body would listen to all sides of an issue. This board seems to listen only to the administrators. This is not necessarily the fault of the trustees.

It is the duty of the board administrators to run the everyday operations of our school system, and to supply trustees with information on which to base policy.

However, if the information supplied by administrators to trustees is slanted, or composed of half-truths, then it is administration which can control trustees. The tail can wag the dog.

Further, if the administration controls the career growth of our teachers and principals, and uses this control to prevent the free flow of information, then the tail is master not only of the dog, but also the dog-house and the earth beneath it.

Just one example of what may be conscious deception by the administration appeared in The Expositor of Sept. 8. In the report, the director of the board seems to imply that Scotland School would lose a portable classroom, and a teacher would be

relocated, because of declining enrolment. However, one may conclude that our area superintendent created the so-called "declining enrolment." Apparently, 14 Oakland area students (slated to attend Scotland School) were given verbal consent by the superintendent to attend Mount Pleasant School. Thus Scotland was drained of pupils. Furthermore, the superintendent neither followed proper procedure, told parents what the proper procedure was, nor admitted giving verbal consent for the transfers. Also, the teacher involved was apparently fired, not transferred.

This would not seem to be a particularly clever action, but when the tail wags the dog, the tail needn't be clever.

Well, Oakland School is now "mothballed" for one year while a study is undertaken. Rather than leaving the school open and studying a situation that exists, the board will study an empty school and a situation that does not in fact exist. We have always contended that a viable kindergarten to Grade 8 situation (without triple grading) could be readily maintained in the Oakland-Scotland community. But Oakland School is closed and our children scattered. Already the cost of closing the school is much higher than estimated. The social costs are beyond estimate. There are many other examples of situations of deception and evasion. Because power is centred in the hands of the administration there will be other situations in other communities similar to ours.

Yet no one seems to have the will, or perhaps the means, to return power to where it belongs — with you, with me, and through us to the trustees.

We appeal to all the people of Brant County to join with us in a county-wide organization devoted to quality education. The mental and social development of all our children depends on it.

In the meantime, when it comes your turn to deal with the board, remember which end of the dog you are facing.

MARGARET HUNTER,
Chairwoman, Oakland-Scotland Committee
for Quality Education

UNQUOTE

Yes, the closure of a local school caused the Brant County School Board of Education to become mighty unpopular. Residents were left with the suspicion that the mechanics of consultation had broken down and became a sham, obviously an affront to local pride and to the shared feeling that children are better off in a small school in their own community — but the decision became final and was a sign of changing times.

The following, among others, were educators at SS#2, Oakland:

Mr. Gough	1824
John Kennedy	1851 - age 25 years
Robert Chatterson	1855 - age 31 years - his wife, Elvira, was a milliner
Henry J. Brice (Bryce)	1861 - living on lot 7, Concession I
J.J. Simms	1876 - paid \$450.00 per annum
G. Stewart	1878 - paid \$450.00 per annum
Miss Carrow	about 1897 - when the old parsonage east of the four corners burned, she was one of the first at the scene and gave her classes the rest of the day off, one pupil being Roy McEwan (1889-1971).
Miss Lorrie M. Pasco	1904 - paid \$350.00 per annum - she was engaged to commence teaching mid term, on January 4th, 1904. Her contract was signed on December 3rd, 1903 and she held a second class license.
Mr. Woltz	1909/10
Miss Patton	1911
Miss Ida Z. Gignac	1912 to 1925 - Miss Gignac was a beloved teacher, respected by all.
Miss Walpole	taught for one year between 1912 and 1925 while Miss Gignac was absent.
Miss Eva Brocklebank	1925 to 1932 - in 1929 - she was paid \$1200.00 per annum, holding a second class certificate.
Clarence Barrett	1932 to 1937 - started at \$850.00 per annum.
Whitmore Griffin	1937 to 1940 - he married a village girl, Margaret Baldwin - they moved to St. Catharines in 1940.
Mrs. Laramy	1940 to 1942
Elizabeth Pearl Murdock	1942 - she came after the red brick school house burned and taught her first year in temporary quarters in the C.O.F. Hall, then a new school was opened just north of the four corners in the village which is now the Township Office.
Mr. Norman Burtch	Norm was a teacher at the new school in the late 40's.



1935

Clarence Barrett - teacher

During Mr. Barrett's tenure, the student enrollment grew - he was forced to teach over 50 pupils, from primer grade up to entrance class.



Whitmore Griffin

Trustees during his tenure were Stewart Macaulay, Roy McEwan and Perley Stratford.

In 1934, SS#2 graduates were given an option of furthering their education by attending BCI in Brantford. Excerpts from Bylaw #473, signed by Reeve Clark Merritt, are quoted verbatim:

AND WHEREAS the said Corporation of the County of Brant has agreed to pay the full ninety percent of the cost of education of the said pupils from the county providing that the Municipalities within the County of Brant in which such pupils reside, or in which the parents or guardians of such pupils reside shall enter into a similar agreement with the Corporation of the County of Brant to pay to the Corporation of the County of Brant forty-five percent of the cost of education of such pupils.

AND WHEREAS the said Corporation of the Township of Oakland has agreed to pay forty-five percent of the cost of education of such pupils as hereinafter defined from the said Township attending the Brantford Collegiate Institute.

AND WHEREAS for the purposes of this By-law and Agreement "Pupils" shall mean pupils who reside or whose parents or guardians reside in the County by not within the limits of a high school district or of a town or village or school section or sections in which a

continuation school is established within this county and shall not include pupils who are resident pupils but any pupil resident in a high school district or continuation school section shall be regarded as a county pupil in respect to a high school or continuation school outside such district or section when such school (a) is reasonably accessible to such pupil while the school in the district or section in which he resides is not thus accessible; of (b) provides for such pupil a course of study which is not offered in the school in his own district or section;

AND WHEREAS the Corporation of the County of Brant has requested the said Corporation of the Township of Oakland to enter into an agreement with the said Corporation of the County of Brant for the purpose of providing for the payment of forty-five percent of the cost of education of such pupils from the said Corporation of the Township of Oakland on this basis.

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OAKLAND hereby enacts as follows:

THAT the Reeve and the Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and required to execute on behalf of the said Corporation of the Township of Oakland, and to attach the Corporate Seal thereto, an agreement with the Corporation of the County of Brant whereby the said Corporation of the Township of Oakland will agree to pay forty-five percent of the cost of education of pupils as above defined, from the Township of Oakland, attending the Brantford Collegiate Institute upon condition that the Corporation of the County of Brant shall subsequently enter into a similar agreement with the Board of Education for the City of Brantford to pay ninety percent of the cost of education of such pupils.

Note: The Township also gave grants to the Burford High School Board - in 1921 \$56,000.00.

Scotland



Circa 1880

Scotland Public School, formerly
the Common School, opened November 1, 1867.

The first school in Scotland opened about 1830. A primitive building which had previously been occupied as a blacksmith shop operated by Thomas Wheeland, it had few amenities. William McQuire served as the first schoolmaster. He saw action in the Scotland Uprising of 1837 and was observed "carrying a gun". McQuire served as a Lieutenant to Eliakim Malcolm and, because of his overt involvement, was arrested after the fiasco but later pardoned.

A brick cottage near the old telephone office is believed to have been the first Grammar School, opened in 1856. Brant County Council granted 250 pounds for its construction. W.A. Whiting, W. Kelly and Caleb Merritt of Oakland Township were appointed to receive and expend the grant funding.

An ornate frame building, built about 1867 to accommodate the elementary grades, stood at the very edge of the sidewalk, with a bordering white picket fence to keep the cattle out. The facilities inside consisted of two classrooms at the front, a band room at the back, which had been used as the Grammar School for a time, and a Masonic Hall upstairs.

Through the efforts of Egerton Ryerson, a change in the educational system occurred in 1841. The powerful Church of England was forced to relinquish its hold over the ecclesiastical control of education in Upper Canada and the Clergy Reserves were abolished. This occurred with the enactment of a law giving responsibility for education to the State and a public school system evolved. Denominational schools, such as those operated by the Anglicans, effectively ceased in 1841.

Mr. Ryerson, born at Long Point in 1803 and Chairman of the Board of Public Instruction, incurred the trustees wrath in 1868 by ruling that girls should be excluded from the education system. A public meeting followed at Scotland to protest the decision. The wishes of the trustees in Scotland prevailed and girls continued to be allowed into the classroom. The same year, an MPP introduced a Bill into the Ontario Legislature amending the Education Act whereby girls were guaranteed the same privileges as boys to secure an education in Grammar Schools throughout the province. At the time, the Scotland Grammar School had an enrolment of forty-five, the International Department sixty and the Junior Division forty pupils. Had Mr. Ryerson's sexist leanings prevailed, some twenty girls would have been deprived of secondary education at Scotland.

The Grammar and Common schools functioned as one united school during the mid 19th century.

From 1918 until 1925, the Continuation School occupied the second floor of the Van Dusen block on Oakland Street. It served the needs of secondary scholars from Oakland, Vanessa, Scotland, and others from the south-eastern part of Burford Township, with an average enrolment of 20 pupils. The principal then, Miss Blayne, had as her assistants Miss Howe, Miss Turvey (1922) and Miss Winnie Dykes who taught in 1919 and 1920. Other teachers were Miss Muckle, Miss Helen Foster and Miss Walker.

Before the turn of the century, some young men and women took their continued education at Simcoe. A news item dated December 2nd 1897 reports "Roy Westbrook spent the weekend at home from his studies at Simcoe High School". Roy was the son of Abraham Westbrook, farmer south of Oakland village at the top of the hill.

In 1867, Dr. McLinn and George Phillips (1829-1911) of Scotland, along with John Toyne (1812-1874) of Oakland, were appointed by Brant County Council as High School trustees.

The first log school house, which had been a blacksmith shop, was located at the back of Lyman's store. It served a dual purpose as a school and make-shift church.



SCOTLAND CONTINUATION SCHOOL 1921

top row

Bill Les Howard Orlo Ivan Cyril B. Gord Ralph
Clark Freedman Smith Gould Flanders Capling Bannister — Birdsell Beemer

first row

Jennie M. Dora Olive Marion Emily Mildred Dorothy Florence
Holloway Downs Capling Bain Smith Mann Jarvis Hilborne Rock

The first caretaker at the Continuation School in the Van Dusen Block, Gordon Birdsell, received \$10.00 a month for his services. Over and above his cleaning responsibilities, Gordon was required to keep a supply of wood fuel on hand which he carried to the second floor of the building.

Other scholars in attendance at the Continuation school were:

1918/19

Form I

Miriam Foster (1898-1989)
Gertrude Messecar (1901-1977)
married Alex Horning
Edna G. Schunck (1903-1982)
married Horace B. Foster
Myrtle Stevenson
Margery Stickles
Ruby Swartout

1919/20

Form II

Ariel Vanderbuy
Walter Culbert
Aubrey Elliott
Harley Stratford (1906-1984)
son of Sylvester and Hattie
Stratford of Oakland

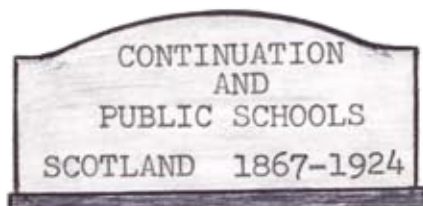
1920/21
Form I
 Horace B. Foster (1904-1975)
 Ralph Goold
 Jack Gray
 Cyril Owen
 Harry Smith
 Lloyd Vivian
 Mollie Davis
 Edna Holloway
 Freda Pringle
 Grace Smith

1920/21
Form II
 Alice Cotton
 Edna McDougall
 Martha McCurly
 Gertrude Messecar (1901-1977)
 Bertie Miller of Oakland
 Pearl Owen
 Marjorie Stickles
 Ruby Swartout

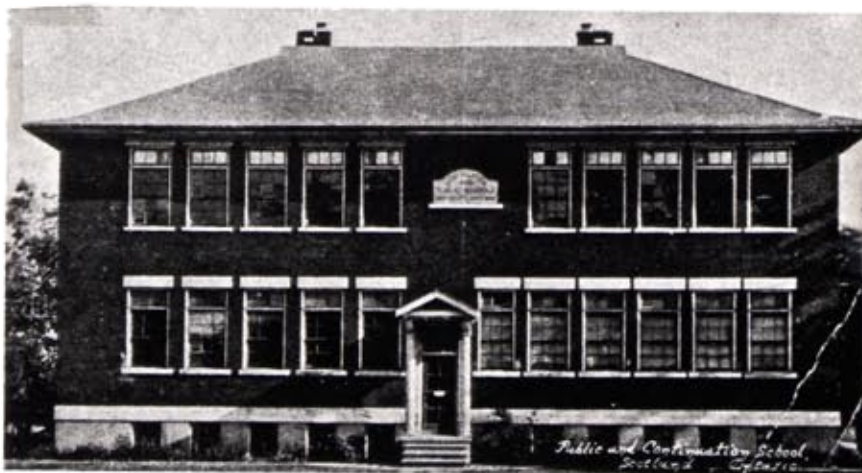
1920/21
Form III
 Miriam Foster
 Edna Schunk
 Marguerite Dale
 Andrew Mann

In 1921, the north-western part of the Township joined with Burford High School District. The "Oakland High School District without a school" became existent in 1941, comprising all of the Township, except the portion of the Burford High School District, and grants were made available from the province for Continuation and High School purposes.

Built in 1924, the Continuation School occupied land opposite the Congregational Church, with the adjoining Public school at the rear. The combined schools connected with a spacious playground, complete with a ball diamond and facilities for track and field. The secondary school had two classrooms and a gymnasium on the second floor. The seating arrangement in both classrooms faced west to east with the black boards on the respective east walls of each room. The public school, used since 1867, was moved back from the road to adjoin the new brick building on its south side, then totally renovated. About 1944, another school room, added in the upper west wing of the Continuation School, allowed the public school to have three classrooms on the main floor while the Continuation School had one room downstairs and one up.



A Plaque located above the front entrance is visible in the picture on the right.



Scotland Continuation School

James Ripley of Oakland built the Continuation School and remodelled the public school. The bricklayer was David Ephriam Bloomfield (1856-1926). His children were well known Scotland residents, Wm (1881-1963), Mary (1887-1975) and Allan (1891-1968). Mr. Ripley died in 1953 and his son, Gerald, carried on the business.

The classroom at the lower right of the previous picture seated grades IX and X, referred to as the "Lower School", while the lower left room accommodated the senior grades of XI and XII and was officially called the "Middle School". The gymnasium, with screened windows, occupied the second floor.



Classes of 1926

Miss Ethel Wilson (teacher)	Hilda Ritchie	Agatha Michener	Ann Wilson	Dorothy Watson	Fred Glaves	Howard O'Reilly	Gordon Kitchen	Wallace Young	Robert Bannister	Mr. A. J. Kaufman (Principal)
	----- Hünter	Evelyn Dunningham	Helen Durham	Mabel Carpenter	Bessie Miller	Valeria Malcolm				
Jean Tucker	Edna Stratford	Vera Baker	Melvin Cronkwright	Lloyd Tune	Carl Roberts	Glen Bannister	Bruce Kitchen	Ralph Stratford		

Most of the pupils in the class of 1926 were the first to occupy the new facilities in 1925, having moved from the Van Dusen Block. Two of the scholars, Edna Stratford and Evelyn Dunningham of Oakland, travelled to and from school in a "a gig", a one horse cart. Their horse, stabled in the church barn, across from the school, had a lonely wait. Another stabling facility was located at the back of the school. Enid Horning of Zion and Dorothy Stratford of Oakland, secondary students, drove a horse and carriage to school when they studied at Scotland.

The subjects taught in grade IX (1938/39) Lower School were English Literature, English Composition, Spelling, Br-History, Art, Arithmetic, Health, Algebra, Geometry, Music, Geography, Botany, Science, Zoology, Latin and French. There were four exams during the term. The subjects taught in grade X (1938/39) were essentially the same as Grade IX. Both grades formed "the Lower School".

The subjects in Grade XI (1938/39) Middle School were English Literature, English Composition, Ancient History, Canadian History, Algebra, Geometry, Chemistry, Physics, Latin Aut., Latin Comp., French Aut. and French Grammar. Students wishing to take Grade XIII were forced to go to Brantford as SCS offered grades only to XII.



Scotland Continuation School 1937/38

Back row, left to right: Peter Dyson, Chas. Rammage, Ken Goold, Irvin Durham, Bryan Kaufman, Charlie Hunter, Bob Macaulay.

Middle row: Alvin Kaufman, principal, Marguerite Ritchie, Marie Ramsay, M. Joyce Field, Jean Walker, Betty Austin, Jean Marlatt, Eva Wilson, Marion McCutcheon, Jean McCutcheon, Elaine Laird, teacher Miss D. Stirling.

Front row: Isabel Robertson, Evelyn Hanson, Helen Shellington, Edith Graves, June Gledhill, Doris Goold, Isabel Taylor, Francis Gerard, Hazel Lee, Laura Franklin.



This INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE

IS AWARDED TO _____ a pupil
of _____ SCOTLAND CONTINUATION SCHOOL _____ who has
completed satisfactorily the prescribed courses of study in
Grades 9 and 10 in accordance with the requirements of
the Department of Education for Ontario.

The following course of Grade 10 has been selected.

GENERAL

Dated at _____ SCOTLAND _____

this 3RD day of JULY 1941.

D. McArthur
Minister of Education

R. A. Graham
Principal of School

Chairman of School Board

REPORT CARD

SCOTLAND
CONTINUATION
SCHOOL

FROM 193..... TO 193.....

FOR

NAME _____



THE THREE A'S OF SUCCESS

ATTENDANCE — MUST BE REGULAR
ATTENTION — MUST BE FAITHFUL
APPLICATION — MUST BE DILIGENT

THESE MEAN SUCCESS

	I. EXAM.	
	Pupil's	Highest
Eng. Lit.		
Eng. Comp.		
Anc. Hist.		
C. Hist.		
Algebra		
Geometry		
Chemistry		
Physics		
Lat. Aut.		
Lat. Comp.		
Fr. Aut.		
Fr. Gram.		



ONTARIO
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Middle School Examination

June, 1941

a candidate for the Middle School Examination held at

SCOTLAND

is entitled to the credits and proficiency standing indicated in the annexed
schedule.

Certified,

J. P. Bowles

Toronto, August, 1941.

Registrar.

NOTE 1:—Standing granted at this examination will be accepted pro tanto for admission to
a Normal School or to a College or University in Ontario. The full admission requirements will
be found in the syllabuses of these institutions.

NOTE 2:—Candidates who fail in one or more papers are referred to the reverse side of this
certificate for additional information.

Exam. Form 47, 85,000—July 1941—A1443

(OVER)

SCHEDULE		
(a) Maximum for each paper, 100.		
(b) The result of the candidate's examination is indicated by papers as follows:		
	First Grade Proficiency (75-100)—1st	XX
	Second Grade Proficiency (50-74)—2nd	XX
	Third Grade Proficiency (25-49)—3rd	XX
	Credit without Proficiency (50-59)—C	XX
	Failure (below 50) —By the marks	XX
	A paper not written	—XX
English	Composition	XX
	Literature	XX
Canadian	Canadian	XX
History	Ancient	XX
	Anc. & Medieval	XX
Maths	Algebra	XX
	Geometry	XX
Physics	Physics	XX
Chemistry	Chemistry	XX
Latin	Authors	XX
	Composition	XX
French	Authors	XX
	Composition	XX
German	Authors	XX
	Composition	XX
Sp.	First Year	XX
	Second Year	XX
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Scotland Continuation School 1939

June Stuart Charlie Ted Jean Helen
Gledhill Rammage Rammage Martin McCutcheon Shellington

A.J. Kaufman Elva Marion Doris Anna Eleanor Isobel Miss
Principal Beemer McCutcheon Goold Mako Hiles Messecar Belyea

Margaret Leta Marguerite Peggy Joyce June Jean Helen
Hiles Shebo Ritchie Graves Burrage Campbell Rammage Stratford

Ronald Murray Joe Bob Wm Arvin
Grant Goold Graves Buckburrow Garrard Horning

BIOGRAPHICAL

June Gledhill (Walters) - graduated RNA - changed to work at RCAF Kingston - resides RR#3 Bath, Ontario.

Stuart A. Rammage - served thirty-five years RCMP - resides Penticton, B.C.

Charlie Rammage - graduate Ontario Veterinary College - retired as Director of Veterinary Services New Brunswick - resides Fredericton, N.B.

Ted Martin - career Officer RCAF and Armed Services - resides Oakville, Ontario

Jean McCutcheon - graduate R.N. Brantford General Hospital - industrial nurse Pontiac, Michigan. (deceased)

Helen Shellington - married Pryor Harris, jeweller Burford, Ontario

Elva Beemer - graduate R.N. Windsor, Ontario - married Reg Morris, employee of Windsor Hydro.

Marion McCutcheon - graduate Brantford Business College - worked for Stelco, Brantford.

Doris Goold - graduate RN Brantford General Hospital - married Jack Innes, customs officer Brantford.

Anna Mako - married and lived on a farm at Four Ponds.

Eleanor Hiles - deceased - married Keith Poss Scotland postmaster.

Isobel Messecar - worked for Calbecks then Stelco - married Frank McKinnon, Engineering Department, Brantford.

Margaret Hiles - married Karl McEwan - storekeeper - resides Oakland.

Leta Shebo - lived north of Scotland - married and moved to Lynden.

Marguerite Ritchie - graduate Robinson's Business College - worked for Cockshutt Farm Equipment - married Creighton Rice, Assessment Commissioner City of Brantford.

Peggy Graves - married Stephen Burroughs - resides London, Ontario.

Joyce Burrage - married Arthur Stuart who worked for Cockshutts - resides Oakland.

June Campbell - teacher - married John Taylor - resides east of Toronto.

Jean Rammage - graduate O.U. Robinson Business College - married Rev. Byron Nevin - resides Ancaster.

Helen Stratford - married Don Marr - resides Maple Grove.

Ronald Grant - proprietor Grants Grocery, King George Road north of Brantford - moved to Detroit - accountant.

Murray Goold - moved to Florida - accountant.

Joe Graves - funeral director and insurance agent - resides Kelvin.

Bob Buckburrow - real estate agent, London, Ontario.

Wm Garrard - graduate McMaster University - served in Canadian Forces - operates photography shop at Thomasburg, Ontario.

Arvin Horning - worked for Massey Harris at Brantford - deceased 1990.

PRINCIPALS (Grammer School - after 1871 the Continuation School)

- Mr. Haight - Principal about 1864/68
 J.R. Youmans - Principal about 1866
 George Bryce - Principal in 1867. His appointment coincided with the opening of the new frame school house. He had recently graduated from the University of Toronto with an M.A. Mr. Bryce knew the area well having taught previously at the Lower Oakland school in 1862/63. He continued as principal for a number of years. It is believed he transferred his professional aspirations to religion and became the Rev. Geo. Bryce, serving as Moderator of the Presbyterian Church for a term. He was born at Mount Pleasant. His brother, Dr. Peter H. Bryce, entered the Federal Government service with the Immigration Department.
- Miss Blaney - Principal in 1919 - she replaced a person, name unknown, who failed to meet the challenge and left after several months as the first principal in the Van Dusen building. Miss Blaney came to Scotland from Simcoe.

- Alvin J. Kaufman
 (1891-1956) - Principal from 1925 to 1940. He was an excellent educator and a respected member of the community. Following retirement in 1940, Alvin opened a cold storage plant adjacent to his house on Talbot Street. It remained a viable business until 1952.



A.J. Kaufman

OBITUARY - death occurred on Thursday, September 6, 1956

The funeral of Alvin J. Kaufman was held from the Scotland Memorial Chapel with the Rev. W. A. Burbidge officiating. Honorary

pallbearers, all former pupils of Mr. Kaufman, were Kenneth Wheeler, Gordon Birdsell, Omer Rammage, Charlie Hunter, Ed Shellington and Robert Macauley. A former pupil, Mrs. Keith Poss sang and Mrs. Charlie Hunter accompanied her. A service was held Sunday at Floradale Lutheran Church with the Rev. F. Malinski in charge. Relatives of the deceased were pallbearers. Interment was in Floradale Lutheran Cemetery. There was a profusion of flowers, and many cancer cards, Gideon Bibles and Lutheran Mission Cards. Mr. Kaufman was principal of the Scotland Continuation School for sixteen years, coming from Schomberg. He was an active member and steward of the Scotland United Church. Surviving is his widow, Margaret Soehner, and two sons, Robert of Cayuga, a member of the O.P.P. and Bryan of Perth, Ontario.

- Robert A. Graham - Principal 1940 to 1942
- Edwin Burford - Principal 1942 to the Spring of 1943 when he enlisted in the R.C.A.F. with the Meteorological Branch - lives at Trenton, Ontario. (died 1992)
- Miss Muriel Brayley - Assistant teacher in 1942 and for several years. She married Harry Kelly of Tillsonburg. Miss Brayley served as interim principal in 1942 and from 1944 to 1947 when the Continuation School closed its doors and its pupils went to Waterford High School. Mrs. Kelly died at Tillsonburg in late 1991.
- Miss Barrie - Principal for a short time in 1943 - she suffered an accident and was forced to resign.

TEACHERS

- Alexander Hamilton - Assistant about 1868. He left his profession to pursue a career in medicine, leaving Scotland for New York on July 9, 1869.
- Miss Winnie Dykes - Assistant in 1919/1920
- Miss Howe - Assistant teacher
- Miss Leta Turvey - Assistant teacher in 1922 - came from Simcoe
- Miss Muckle - Assistant teacher
- Miss Helen Foster - Assistant teacher - came from Cayuga

- Miss Walker - Assistant teacher
- Miss Sleightholm (M. A. Irene) - Assistant teacher 1931 to 1937. She married Urban Makins, principal of the public school.
- Miss Ethel Wilson - Assistant teacher for many years. She married Will Clark.
- Miss Aileen C. Belyea - Assistant teacher during the 1938/39 term and beyond.
- Dorothy Sterling - Assistant teacher 1939/40
- Mr. Seawald - Assistant teacher from the Spring of 1942 to the end of the term.
- Doris McLaren - Assistant teacher 1943 - she was sent out from O.C.E. to finish the last term.
- Archie Carnahan (from Owen Sound) - Teacher from 1944 for several years until the school closed. He became a school inspector and later worked for the Ontario Ministry of Education. Archie married Amy McCutcheon of Scotland. His brother, Frank, married Barbara Horning.

The following is a quote by Archie Carnahan:

"I had the privilege of being a staff member during the last three years of this very interesting school along with Muriel Brayley (now Mrs. H. Kelley). During this period we endeavoured to provide a basic education for the forty students just as those before us had done for three decades. What I remember most are the happy times we had together although there must have been a few problems. There were the field days each year and the sports program - basketball, volleyball, badminton, softball - in which students participated actively. There were the annual commencements in which students presented evenings of plays and songs. And as I recall it the calibre of acting (even to parts played by corpses) and singing was such that I was proud to be associated with those students. I still recall some interesting discussions in History, Physics as well as Mathematics as we worked out solutions to problems. I remember well the reaction of one class when I began the introduction of the concept of molecules and atoms, and I am certain that I wasn't able to answer all their questions on that occasion. Some will recall how the study of the solar system led to a keen interest in identifying the constellations. Some will also recall those elaborate set-ups for experiments in chemistry and physics, most of which worked thanks to a little help from Miss Willena Foster (Physics Professor at U.W.O.) and the ingenuity of some of the students.

Scotland Continuation School was a community school. The trustees and the parents were always interested in the school and its program, and supported the various activities. There were also some good connecting links between the local churches and the school, especially through the choirs and the Young People's Union.

The students of the '40's are the parents of today. I have followed many of these students, and when I see these responsible, successful parents I cannot help but wonder what effect the Scotland Continuation School had on them as individuals. Although it could not cater to all the needs of students, a school such as this where the teachers and students were a close-knit community must have had certain advantages which the very large more impersonal schools of today find difficult to duplicate."

Scotland Continuation School closed its doors June 30, 1974. The area was incorporated into that served by the Waterford District High School. The students who had previously walked to school now boarded a bus for the journey to nearby Waterford where they had the opportunity of selecting a much broader range of subjects. There was little fanfare connected with the closing; it seemed to be inevitable.

A school reunion was organized for June 29, 1974. Those who attended exchanged memories and anecdotes of their experiences at SCS.



A coffee mug with the imprint Scotland Public and Continuation School - 1867-1924-1974 - on its face - a memento of the reunion.



June 26, 1948
Archibald T. and Amy Carnahan

Archie Carnahan, a native of East Linton, Ontario and one of the last staff members of the Continuation School when its doors were closed on June 30th, 1947, married a local girl, Amy McCutcheon.

Rev. R.C. Nunn performed the ceremony in the Scotland United Church and wedding music was played by Miss Mary Malcolm, cousin of the bride, who also accompanied Mr. Charles Hunter as he sang "The Lord's Prayer" and "Through the Years."

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was lovely in her gown of ivory white satin, with a three-quarter length veil held in place by a halo of orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of red roses and pink sweet peas, caught with white satin ribbons.

Miss Marion McCutcheon, her sister's bridesmaid, was dressed in pale blue silk with shoulder-length veil held by a halo of blue net and forget-me-nots. Her bouquet was of pink and yellow buttercup roses.

The Kerby House, Brantford, was the scene of the reception which followed the wedding, after which Mr. and Mrs. Carnahan left on a wedding trip to Niagara Falls, Ottawa and Owen Sound. They established their home at London, Ontario.

Extracts taken from the SCS publication "TATTLER", the Feb 5th 1940 edition - Editor Elva Beamer, Assistant Editor Margaret Hiles - Reporters Joe Graves, Leta Shebo, June Gledhill and Charlie Rammage:

Thumbnail sketches of Form II students:

Peg Graves:

Appearance - Here's a dimple in her cheek
 Favourite saying - O.K. McGee
 Weakness - Wilsonville lads
 Ambition - Nursing

Isabel Messecar:

Appearance - Tall, dark and handsome
 Favourite saying - "Holy Doodle"
 Weakness - Harley boys in general
 Ambition - To be a shop keeper at Harley

Margaret Hiles:

Appearance - Fair as a lily
 Favourite saying - "Jeepers Creepers"
 Weakness - Charlie? (McCarthy)
 Ambition - To be a mathematician

June Campbell:

Appearance - Eyes-Forget-me-not
 Favourite saying - "Wow, Isn't it Slick"?
 Weakness - "The Rumba"
 Ambition - To be an authoress

Joycelyn Burrage:

Appearance - Tres petite
 Favourite saying -
 Weakness - To quit school
 Ambition - Gale McCauley

Jean Rammage:

Appearance - Posture x
 Favourite saying -
 Weakness - To be an acrobat
 Ambition - Fairfield boys

Stuart Rammage:

Appearance - Brown-eyed
 Favourite saying -
 Weakness - To be a debater
 Ambition - Making an undescrivable noise with his mouth

Helen Stratford:

Appearance - Giddy
 Favourite saying - "Hmph"
 Weakness - George

Hazel Durham:

Appearance - Short and lean
 Favourite saying - "It's being cultivated"
 Weakness - The suave Arvin Horning

Bill Garrard:

Appearance - Wild man from Borneo
 Favourite saying - "Oh ya"
 Weakness - Weak in the knees

Arvin Horning:

Appearance - Puny
 Favourite saying - "My"
 Weakness - Hazel

George Taylor:

Appearance - Giant Atlas
 Favourite saying - "Gee! but thats swell"
 Weakness - Helen

Murray Goold:

Appearance - Farmer Brown's son
 Favourite saying - "Not bad, not bad"
 Weakness - Vernon

Joe Graves:

Appearance - Momma's Junior
 Favourite saying - "Hya hya hya said the little fox"
 Weakness - Girls in general

LOWER SCHOOL**Eleanor Hiles:**

Appearance - Lean, long and lanky
 Favourite saying - "Hi ya"
 Weakness - Oakland and Wilsonville boys

The last two meetings of the SCS were well planned by those taking part. At the first of these it was decided to begin a ping-pong tournament. June Campbell read a poem "I know something good about you", and Anna Mako conducted an interesting contest.

The programme of the second meeting was in the form of a debate which was resolved that it is better to attend a rural school than a city school. The affirmative side consisted of Peg Graves and Stuart Rammage, the negative side June Campbell and John Rock. Those judging were Elva Beamer, Marion McCutcheon and Charlie Rammage. Marguerite Ritchie sole possessor of a regulating watch was appointed time keeper. The judges after an eight minute adjournment rung out a final decision of 11 - 7 for the negative side.

At the Christmas meeting of the S.C.S. the final afternoon was enjoyed by all present. The first form boys and two second form girls sang carols and the whole school joined in the choruses. When everyone was practically exhausted from playing games, the boys were appointed to act as Santa Clauses. They relieved the piano of its many packages and emptied the whatnot stocking attached to it.

S.C.S. SKATING PARTY

The S.C.S. skating parting of last Friday night proved very successful. Practically the whole high school attended and enjoyed the sport to the fullest extent. At intermission, the school yell rang out through the rink. Mr. and Mrs. Kaufman's hospitality allowed us to partake of a delightful brunch. The singing of community songs concluded a full evening.

Miss Belyea has informed us that we are to be rewarded for our essays on fire prevention. This reward will be in the form of a new press for our S.C.S. "Tattler". It was worth the effort, wasn't it?

Extracts from the S.C.S. "Tattler", November 8th 1940 edition - R.A. Graham principal, Doris Goold president:

WELCOME

On behalf of the S.C.S. I welcome Mr. Graham and other pupils to our school. Hope you will enjoy our studies and recreation here as much as we do, and will have very pleasant memories when you leave.

Doris Goold
President

Doris Goold was standing out by the window during algebra class. Mr. Graham (try to get her attention to the board): "Board, Doris, board!" Doris looked steadily at him and said, "Yes, sir, very bored!"

Miss Belyea was giving her class a lecture on kindness to dumb animals. "If I saw a boy beating a mule and stopped him, what would you call it?" Bill Garrard (promptly): "Sisterly love".

Lower School wishes to announce that transportation between Scotland and Oakland is now supplied. How about it Joe, Lorne and Gordon. You might try padding the cross-bars for the girls - just to make it a little more comfortable for them!

Why does Gordon Serles always sit in front of Wilma Clark in the Middle School room? Joe won't run away with her, Gordon.

Does Ted mind sitting behind June? Ah! but no, definitely.

LOCAL NEWS

The latest, excitement was found at Thorne's store, when a fire was started by a short in the wiring in the electrical system. Much damage was done to goods stored in the basement before the fire could be brought under control.

The cold storage plant is now in operation and is managed by our former Principal, Mr. A.J. Kaufman.

FIELD DAY

We did not meet with the same success at the Annual Field Meet which was held on October 4th as we did last year. The trophy which decorated the shelf in the Senior room is at St. George now. Elva Beemer and June Gledhill exerted every ounce of energy that they had but the odds were too great. They were cheerfully aided by June Campbell, Stuart Rammage, Peggy Graves, Hazel Durham and John Rock and others who were willing to do their bit.

HUMOUR

Mr. Graham, giving a demonstration of the properties of various gases,

"I am going to drop this half-crown into this glass of acid. Will it dissolve?" Anna Mako: "No, sir." Mr. Graham: "Then perhaps you will explain to the class why it won't dissolve." Anna Mako: "Because if the half-crown would dissolve, you wouldn't drop it in".

The regular meeting of the Literary Society was held on Friday, October 25 at 3:45 p.m. The Third Form was in charge of the programs which consisted of French Songs and articles. Doris Goold and Elva Beemer led in singing "Sur le Pont D'Avignon" and "God Save The King" (in French). Jean Rammage read an article from a French paper describing the bombing of London. Margaret Hiles recited a short French rhyme. A duet "Parlez-moi D'Amour" was rendered Misses M. Graves and J. Campbell. The meeting was closed by singing "God Save The King."

The SPS KOPYRITE - October 5th, 1945 edition

Scotland Field Day:
(by F. Marlatt and B. Thorne)

Friday morning dawned clear and warm, after a week of cold and rainy weather. This gave SCS an opportunity to play host to the Continuation Schools of Lynden, St. George and Mt. Pleasant. Approximately 150 students of the four schools gave a splendid competitive exhibition of all types of school athletics. The teachers of the SCS were hosts to the staffs of the visiting schools and the Scotland school board and the ministers at a dinner served by Mrs. A.W. Smith.

A fine number of spectators turned out to cheer their respective contestants to victory. The results of all the contests are given below:

Senior Boys:

100 yd: G. Howell, St; J. Wait, St; N. Lee, St.

220 yd:

Standing Broad: J.Wait, St; Carl Dymont, St; D. Mittens, St.

Running Broad: G. Howell, St; John Wait, St; Norman Lee, St.

Hop Step & Jump: G. Howell, St; D. Mittens, St; C. Dymont, L.

Running High: G. Howell, St.
 Shot Put: G. Howell, St; N. Lee, St; Carl Dymont, L.
 Pole Vault:

Senior Girls:

75 yds: Norma Duncan, St.; Barbara Loube, St; M. Marlatt, S.
 100 yds:
 Softball Throw: B. Loube, St; D. Loveless, St; D. Dickinson, S.
 Softball Bat: M. Marr, M; B. Loube, St; Dawn Dickinson, S.
 Basketball Free Shot: E. Orchard, M; M. Holler, L; G. Komeinski, S.
 Running Broad: N. Duncan, St; Dot. Loveless, St; Y. Hilos, S.
 Running High: D. Loveless, St; N. Duncan, St; Mona Rous, L.

1943 - The Brantford Expositor reported on SCS commencement exercises with an Honor Roll of 47 names.

QUOTE

"The Masonic Hall, Scotland, was filled to capacity for the commencement exercises of Scotland Continuation School. Mr. Lutes, a Member of the School Board and a former school teacher, was Chairman. Choral music was heard during the program. Rev. W. Burbidge gave a short address. A piano and violin duet was rendered by Margaret and Allison Burbidge. The valedictory address was given by Arvin Horning, a graduate of 1943, who is now taking Upper School work at the B.C.I. and V.S.

Mr. Kaufman, formerly for many years Principal of the Continuation School, in presenting diplomas for Continuation School entrance, expressed regret that so many pupils who start the course do not finish. "Is it because the dollar sign is being put on every thing?" he asked. "Not until the dollar sign is put in the right connection will conditions be improved."

UNQUOTE

Certificates were presented to:

Joan Birdsell	Marilyn King
Yvonne Hiles	Allison Burbidge
John Ozay	Lillian Crawford
Ieva Laird	

Two year diploma awards:

Edward Mitchell	Donald Jacobson
Mabel Stratford	Audrey Gould
Jennie Kaminski	Neil O'Reilly

Four years:

Murray Goold	Arvin Horning
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QUOTE

Acrobatic stunts were performed by Lorne Graves, Edward Mitchell, Allison Burbidge, Neil O'Reilly, with Margaret Burbidge at the piano. Champions in Field Day sports receiving diplomas were Donald Jacobs and Edward Mitchell.

During intermission the boys sold editions of the school paper, "The Tattler," which contained many original and laugh-provoking items. A sing-song was led by Arvin Horning with Murray Gould at the Piano. A duet was sung by Yvonne Hiles and Gordon Serles, followed by a pantomime by Yvonne Hiles, Gordon Serles, Lorne Graves and Edward Mitchell, and a dance number.

One of the high lights of the program was a humorous play "Marry Molley Maloney." The characters were Wilma Clark, Margaret Burbidge, Marilyn King, Enid Horning, Lorne Graves, Edward Mitchell and Allison Burbidge. A group of boys put on a display of pyramid building.

Miss Berry, Principal of S. C. S., gave an address thanking all who assisted. Gifts were presented to Mr. Marshall, musical instructor, and Mrs. Stuart, who was accompanist, in appreciation of their untiring efforts.

An honor roll containing names of boys from the community in the services was unveiled by Lorne Graves, who was in army uniform, and Edward Mitchell in navy uniform. Rev. Mr. Wright was in charge of the ceremony and read names.

UNQUOTE

1945 - SCS commencement exercises as reported in the Expositor:

QUOTE

Commencement exercises of Scotland Continuation School were held Thursday and Friday nights in the Masonic Hall which was well filled on both occasions. The program included opening chorus, "Dear Canada, Dear Land O'Mine," accompanied by Miss Isabel Robinson, followed by highland fling, by Sylvia Sutherland, Marion Van Sickle, Fern Parsons, Jean McIllwrick, accompanied at the piano by Margaret Burbidge. Choruses were interspersed through the program.

UNQUOTE

Presentations of entrance certificates were made by former principal A. Kaufman to:

Dawn Dickinson
Barbara Horning
Sylvia Sutherland
Marion Van Sickle
Gerald Dierick

Joyce Dickinson
Fern Parsons
Wilma Van Exan
Douglas Serles
Jean McIllwrick

Presentations of intermediate certificates were made by Rev. W.A. Burbidge to:

Joan Birdsell
Lillian Crawford
Irene Sutherland
Ted Ozog

Yvonne Hiles
Marilyn King
Allison Burbidge
Alex Keresturi

Graduation diplomas to:

Jennie Komionski

Edward Mitchell

Field day award:

Carolyn Clark (junior girl champion)

A well-prepared and well delivered valedictory address was given by Edward Mitchell; "The Bells of St. Mary's," trio, Fern Parsons, Sylvia Sutherland, Wilma Van Exan; solo, Joan Birdsell, "Kashmiri Song," French songs by Grade 9 girls. The Chairman's address was given by Wes. Clark, who called upon another member of the School Board, George Lutes, who thanked all those who took part in the program and those who helped in other ways. He also gave an interesting history of Scotland.

Highlight of the program was a humorous play, "Laughing Gas," a mystery comedy in three acts. The members of the cast were introduced by Miss M. Brayley, Continuation School Principal; Mrs. Morlino, Amy McCutcheon; Miss Amy Whitman, Joan Birdsell; her nieces, Vivian and Penny, Evelyn Rock, Carolyn Clark; Miss Kitty Doo, Yvonne Hiles; Miss Flavia Witherspoon, Margaret Burbidge; Olga Swanson, the maid, Gladys Komionski; Ambrose Rosenbloom, Allison Burbidge; Chris Wynn, Ted Ozog; Paul Van Doren, Doug Serles; Judge Haley, Gerald Dierick.

The hall was artistically decorated with the school colors yellow and green and with shamrocks. A gift was presented to Joseph Auty, instructor of music in the school, who trained and directed the choruses; to A. Carnahan assistant teacher and to Miss M. Brayley, Principal, a beautiful bouquet of crimson roses.

PRINCIPALS (SS#3 Scotland Common School - after 1871 the Public School)

- Robert Frazer
Wallace Robinson - born about 1800. He was one of the early schoolmasters. His daughter, Aneliza (1836-1902), married George Malcolm a local builder of many early houses in Scotland.
- Mr. Thomas - 1868
K. M. Smith - Principal in 1896.
Mr. Manley - Principal about 1916 - his style of discipline was harsh - the strap a motivator. Gordon Birdsell recalls he and fellow classmates going to the front of the class for punishment - Mr. Manley style. He states that one pupil, Edna Holloway, was a match for the teacher and would not accept her turn with the strap.
- Urban M. Makins - Principal from 1921 to 1942 - he married Irene Sleightholm, assistant teacher at the Continuation School. They moved to Ayr, Ontario.
- Miss Liebold - Principal 1942 to 1944
Miss Grace Gray - Principal
Miss White - Principal
Mr. Elmer Yeandle - Principal
Ruth McIntyre - Principal
Mr. Bloomingstock - Principal
Kenneth Crabbe - Principal - he moved to Kelvin
George Pullen - Principal - he moved to Waterford for a similar position with W. F. Hewitt School.
- Norman Walpole - Principal
Mr. Avery - Principal
Leslie Fairburn - Principal - moved to Simcoe to become principal at North Public School
- Oliver Lemmon - Principal
Mr. Roderick David Paterson - Principal 1949/50 - moved to St. George - he died by drowning at Willow Park.
- L. Sketchley - Principal
Paul Kormos - Principal



George Pullen
Principal 1954



R. David Paterson
Principal 1949/50

TEACHERS

Duncan W. Malcolm Jr. (1839-1909) taught at Scotland in 1861. He was the son of Duncan Malcolm Sr. (1798-1866) a farmer on the Townline, north of Scotland. Duncan Jr. married Selina E. Cline (1849-1936). Besides teaching, Duncan Jr. farmed on land three miles south west of Scotland, in Windham Township. The children of Duncan and Selina were Egbert Henry (1871-19) who went to Alberta, Fred Ernest (1873-1955) married Elizabeth Kerr Corvie (1880-1971) and Gertrude Cline (1878-19) married Wm H. Stewart, farmer at Merna, Alberta. Duncan W. Malcolm Jr. had several brothers; Wm Case Malcolm (1826-1892), a farmer on the homestead at Scotland; Andrew Malcolm (1829-1892) a harness maker at Scotland; George Malcolm (1832-1904) a carpenter and contractor at Scotland; Wallace Malcolm (1834-1905) and Charles John Malcolm (1843-1935) a teacher in Lapeer, Michigan who married Jane Westbrook (1848-1911) and secondly Bessie Kelly (1860-1933) daughter of Isaac Kelly of Oakland. Bessie had been a former pupil of her husband, Charles, which suggests that he taught at Oakland for a time in the 1800's.



Circa 1862
Duncan Warwick Malcolm

John Kennedy - teacher in 1851 at twenty-five years of age.

Miss Phebe Phillips (1858-1933) - teacher in the late 1800's. She married John Silverthorne (1854-1941). They were the parents of Jennie Mrs. Welby Silverthorne Taylor and Allie W. Silverthorne (1899-19) who married Cale L. E. Mitchell (1898-1959).

Mrs. Robinson - died in 1893 - her daughter Aneliza married George Malcolm (1832-1904) a Scotland building contractor.

Robert F. W. Foster - a teacher in the late 1800's.

Orrin H. Lawrence (1818-1880) - a teacher about 1865 - he served as Township Clerk from 1874 to 1880 and was secretary/treasurer for the trustees at SS#2 Oakland at the time of his death on October 11th 1880.

J.E. Vining (1820-1876) - a teacher or principal in the 1800's - also served as the Baptist minister.

Herbert R. Bailey (1858-1935) - a teacher about 1880 - Herbert left the teaching profession to become a physician - he married Bertha Malcolm (1866-1931), daughter of Dr. John R. Malcolm of Scotland and Sophrona "Frony" Malcolm (1842-1912). Dr. Bailey, a graduate of Wayne University in Michigan, set up a practice at Corunna, Michigan and died there on June 14th, 1935. Bertha died on March 4th, 1931. They had a son, Herbert Jr. born on July 7th, 1895 at Corunna. Dr. Bailey and his wife Bertha retained ownership of a farm they inherited from Dr. Malcolm, lot 6 concession I, overlooking the mill pond. In the 1920's and 30's, Dr. Bailey rented the farm to Russell Rammage (1895-1988) who bought it from Herbert Bailey Jr. in 1941.

Egbert Henry Malcolm (1871-19) - teacher in 1896 - son of Duncan Malcolm (1839-1909) also a teacher. E.H. Malcolm married Joanna Laird of Mt. Pleasant - they moved to Alberta to take up ranching.

Odessa Malcolm (1885-19) - teacher - she was the daughter of Charles Parke Malcolm (1845-1907) who operated a foundry in Scotland - Odessa did not marry.

Mr. Mac Smith - teacher about 1897

Elizabeth Malcolm - teacher about 1900

Carman Baldwin - teacher about 1900 - his brother Lewis Baldwin operated a general store at Oakland. They were the sons of Hervy Baldwin and Nancy Smith. Carman taught later at Brantford. He married Elvira Messecar. Their daughter married Dr. Russel Knight, a founding member of the Brantford Clinic.

Miss Annie Knowles - taught the entrance class of 1921 - she married a Mr. McInally and later taught some of the grandchildren of her 1921 class.

Miss Wooley - teacher in 1920

Miss Healy - teacher

Miss O'Neil - teacher

Miss Margaret Ross - teacher - she married Walter Culbert and they lived in one of the landmark houses called "The Garden Wall".

Reta M. Roberts (1896-1988) - teacher - she married Clarence Malcolm (1890-1970) - Clarence was the son of John Malcolm (1860-1944) and Lenora (1860-1940). Reta taught in the 1920's.

The following is a quote by Mrs. Ann Kemp, a teacher at Scotland from 1951 to 1957.

"I was most fortunate to have had as my junior and senior fourth class teacher Miss Reta Roberts (Mrs. Clarence Malcolm) whom I shall always remember with great respect and admiration. She was kind, enthusiastic and a great practitioner of the teaching profession. In later years when I planned to enter the teaching profession I hoped to be as coherent, well-organized, and able to communicate with my pupils as she had with us. She instilled in me a love of the English language which helped me so much later in my own teaching."

Miss Jennie Holloway - teacher from October 1926 for over forty years - a local girl, she grew up east of the village, the daughter of David A. Holloway (1864-1951) and Maria Arnold (1874-1908) - Jennie retired in 1969.



Jennie Holloway

Velma Goring of Kelvin - teacher - her brother, Fred, was known as the "Rye King" of Canada.

Mrs Goldie Riddoch - teacher from 1943 to 1971



Goldie Riddoch

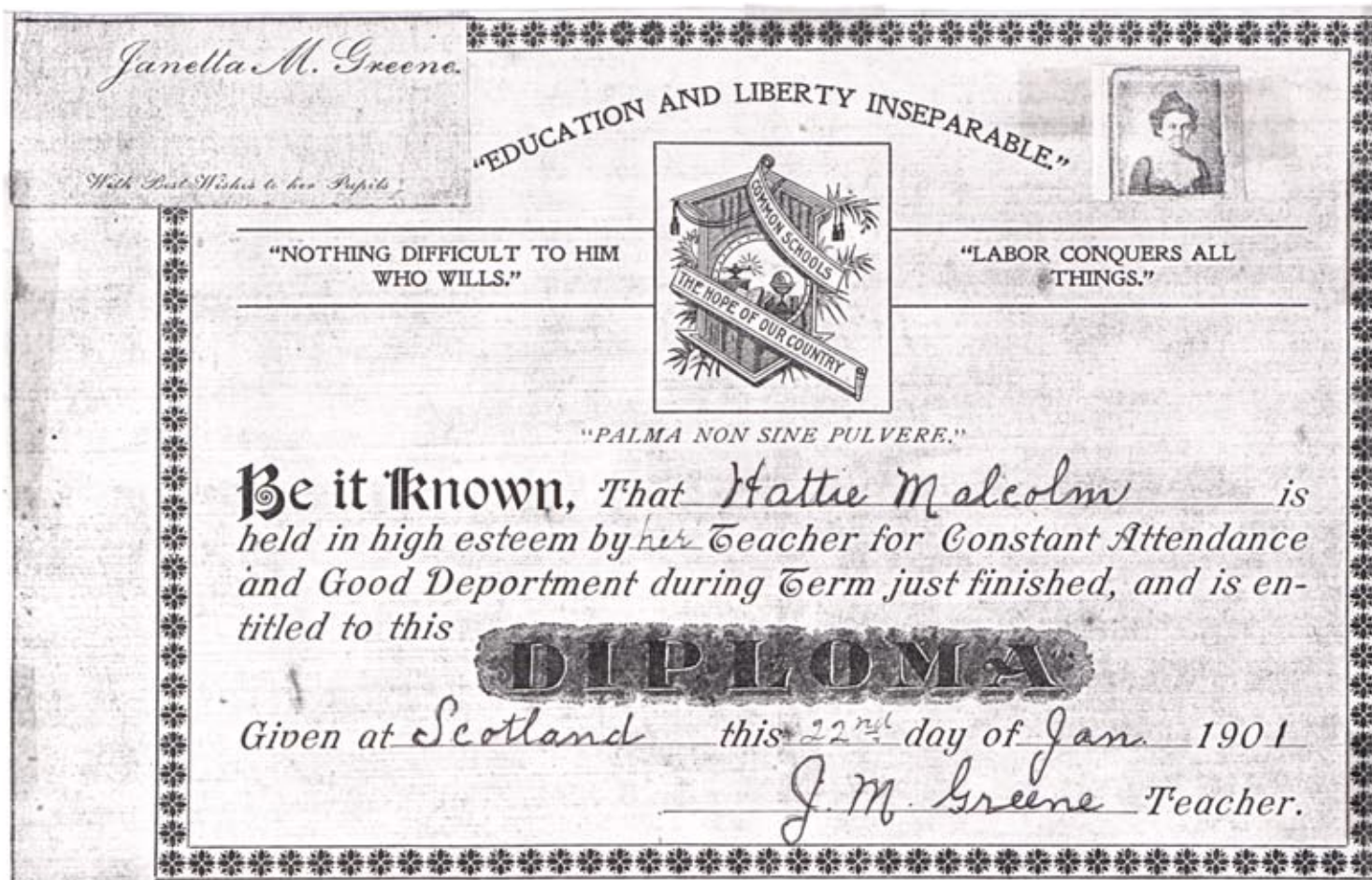
Mrs. Ann (Wilson) Kemp - teacher 1951 to 1957 - Ann was a local girl, the daughter of Susan Ann Glover (1890-1975) also a student at the public school commencing in 1896. Her father, Mr. Glover, had attended the Common School during Duncan W. Malcolm's tenure as a teacher, around 1870.

Miss Florence Eadie - teacher - a sister of Hope Eadie Wilson whose husband, Lloyd, was a mail carrier. The Eadies were pioneers near the four pond corners. Florence later worked for the Womens Institute as a field worker out of Toronto - also involved with 4 H clubs.

Janetta M. Greene - teacher in 1901.

Miss Carroll - teacher

Mrs. Kate (Halliday) Hunter (1886-1971) - supply teacher - wife of Charles D. Hunter, lumber dealer.



Hattie J. Malcolm (1893-19) lived on the Townline, south-east of Scotland, with her parents John and Lenora Malcolm. Her brother, Clarence (1890-1970), married Reta M. Roberts, a teacher.

Miss Ida Foster (1861-1941) - teacher in 1912 - daughter of Horace Foster (1932-1908) - her brother, Herbert, was the Crown Bank manager at Scotland and a sister, Effie, married E.L. Smith, grist mill operator at East Oakland.

Miss Edna Messecar - born about 1875 - teacher in 1912 - sister of Jacob A. Messecar a well known Township farmer and Reeve in 1901. Edna married Duncan Turner and moved to Oil Springs, Ontario.

Mr. Beaton - teacher in 1914

Miss Fay Sovereign - teacher - she married Lorne Wheeler

Mr. Frank Byrans - teacher

Miss Hall - teacher from Tara, Ontario

Miss Moore - teacher

Miss Marguerite Phipps - teacher in 1921 - she moved to Burford.

Miss Barbara Will - teacher

Miriam Walker - teacher

Miss Norma Malcolm - teacher

Miss Sergeant - teacher

Miss Betty Kennedy - teacher

Mrs. Lena Malcolm McEwan (1898-1988) - teacher - daughter of Hayward and Margaret Hagerman Malcolm - graduated from Hamilton Normal School and married Albert Gordon McEwan (1893-1955) and they ran a general store at Harley - their son Karl married Margaret Hiles of Scotland - Lena remarried to James Grantham and they lived in Penticton, B.C.

Miss Helen Clemons - teacher of junior grades

Mrs. Whelen - teacher

Mr. McArthur - teacher

Mrs. Jim Schoefield - teacher

Chris MacBeath - teacher

Mrs. Kreager - teacher

Joyce Pepper - teacher

Miss Christine McBeth - teacher

Miss Carolyn Mader - teacher

Mrs. Nelles - teacher

Sandra Vergi - teacher

Mrs. MacDonald - teacher

Don Byron - teacher

Emile Krussell - teacher

Margaret Sleeth - teacher (Mrs. D. Kehler)

Mrs. Barbara Zimmer - teacher

Murray Lockwood - teacher

Mrs. Dianne Hutcheon - teacher - Grade 3

Mrs. Bernard Jamieson - teacher

Mrs. Eletha Sutherland - teacher - an Oakland resident, wife of Ron Sutherland - the Sutherlands retired at Brantford.

Mr. Reis - Grade 7 teacher

Mrs. Bertrand - Grades 5 and 6 teacher

Miss Judy Ritchie - Grades 4 and 5 teacher - daughter of William Ritchie

Mrs. Howard - Grades 1 and 2 teacher

Mrs. Baldwin - kindergarten

In the music department, leadership was provided by A. W. Marshall of Simcoe, Mr. Joseph Auty of Waterford and Miss Wilkinson in the 1950's.

In the 50's William Shelegy & Sons of RR#3 Scotland operated a bus service for students from the rural areas attending Scotland Elementary School.



A Scotland classroom - teacher standing at back is Reta M. Roberts (1896-1988).

Helen Markle
Nellie Ferris
Margaret Brown
Clara Woodley
Jack Brown

Willie Birdsell
Jack Silverthorne
M. Smith
Helen Berry
Fred Glaves
Olive Bannister

Melville Slight
Lloyd Shellington
Norman Maine
Evelyn Ferris
Lola Markle



Teacher - Reta M. Roberts - top centre



Circa 1930 - Scotland Public School

Third row:

Edwin Max Wray Mae Hilda Wanda
 Mitchell Shellington Bloomfield Campbell Shepherd Wilson Holt Ramsay Hill
 Edna Margaret Helen Jennie
 Mitchell Woodley Messecar Bloomfield Holloway (teacher)

Second row:

Percey Myron Edith Shirley Edna Jean Retus
 Howson - - Bates Graves - Hilliker Brown Slaght Wheeler
 Blanche Doris
 Goold Silverthorne

First row:

Earl Lloyd Bryan Gordon Theodore Eric Jerrold Joe
 Shellington Jacobson Kaufman Slaght White Jacobson Campbell Vaughan
 Marie Bertha
 - Ramsay - Bloomfield Mitchell



Scotland Juniors 1932

Jennie Holloway (teacher)

Top row:

Adeline	June	Jean	Jean	Peg	Eleanor
Wingrove	Gledhill	McCutcheon	O'Reilly	Glaves	Hiles

Second row:

-	June	Velma	Helen	Olive
	Noviss	Cooper	Ferrell	Noviss

Third row:

Wray Wm	Clarence	Isobel	Shirley	June	Doris	Shirley
Scott Maguire	Ferrell	Messecar	Gledhill	Campbell	Dinsmore	McIsaac
Marg	Donald	Albert	Ralph			
Hiles	Courtnage	Bloomfield	Slaght			

Fourth row:

Bob	Norris	Alf	Geo	Cecil	Lorne	Joe	Bob
Ferrell	Bush	Martin	Taylor	Giles	Graves	Glaves	Kaufman
Murray	Fred	Jack					
Giles	Medlar	Cooper					
Wilfred	Bill					Lloyd	Orval
Sutherland	Wingrove					Maguire	Giles



Scotland Juniors 1939

Front row: Gord Bowman, - , O'Clar Sweers, Stan Komienski, Lawrence Epps, Jack Osborne, Howard Moore, Bob Taylor, Gord Smith

Second row: Shirley Birdsell, - , Florence King, House, Bertha Maguire, Gladys Komienski, Marilyn Fink, - , Marilyn Walker, Rev's daughter (Independent Baptist Church)

Third row: Shirley Beemer, Elaine Hilts, Florence Thorne, Carolyn Clark, Marion Marlatt, Phyllis Wingrove, _____, Edwin Messecar, _____.

Fourth row: Bill Thorne, - , Don Crawford, Bob Taylor, Earl Maguire, Doug Serles, Don Smith, Reg Martin, Murray Lee
Teacher: Jennie Holloway

SPS KOPYRITE - October 1945

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EDITORIAL

This is our first edition of The S.P.S. Kopyrite and pupils of our classroom have worked hard and faithfully to make it a success. We wish to thank all those who have contributed in any way toward making it worthwhile. We especially want to thank those who put in local ads, for they have made this edition possible. Therefore readers we urge you to read the advertisements carefully, do business with those who have patronized us and show them that their outlay was not in vain.

M. Van Exan

By Jack Osborn:

Scotland Public School opened on Tuesday Sept. 4th, with one hundred and two pupils present. The staff remains the same as last term with Mrs. Riddock in the Junior, Miss Holloway in the Intermediate room and Mr. Fairbairn in the Senior room. The Board of Education has extended efforts to increase the efficiency of the school.

The intermediate and senior rooms were painted a light green during the Christmas holidays of 1945, which improved the rooms a great deal. During the vacation the halls were painted cream with white ceilings.

The exercise books now in the Junior and Intermediate rooms are purchased by the teachers and sold to the pupils for half price. We are pleased with our new improvements.

A new day has dawned for the girls and boys of Scotland. The Provincial Government has materially increased the school grants and the Federal Government is paying mothers' allowance, provided -remember, provided - the pupils attend school regularly.



Don Eddy
(1910-1982)
Circa 1956

Nelson W. Eddy
Circa 1956

On the left is Don Eddy a member of the School Board and his nephew Nelson Eddy, son of Russell and Alice Eddy of Scotland.

Nelson was a graduate of SPS and furthered his education at Waterford High School where he became an honor graduate and was feted for his achievements at the commencement exercises.

Various leading citizens of Scotland have served on the School Board including:

Eliakim Malcolm (1801-1874) surveyor. Early financial reports show Mr. Malcolm as being one of the auditors.

Augustus Malcolm (1820-1896) farmer

Charles Whitney (1839-1922) cabinet maker

Alonzo Foster (1819-1905) Scotland businessman

Herbert W. Foster (1857-1942) - bank manager at Scotland

Wm Messacar - farmer - served on the Board for twelve years

Charles Stewart - blacksmith

John Silverthorne (1854-1941)

Melvin Halliday - hardware store proprietor, served as Chairman of the Board in 1924. He hired Gordon Birdsell as caretaker of the school in the Van Dusen Block.

Lloyd Wilson

Charles O'Reilly

George Lutes (1875-1935)

John A. Shepherd (1855-1939)

Charles D. Hunter - lumber supply dealer

E. Earl Messecar (1880-1965) - farmer

W. J. Clark

Ensley Crabbe

In 1947, area Boards were established. Roy Reavley and Allan Telfer served as the first representatives from the Burford Township area.

ST. ANTHONY DANIEL SCHOOL

St. Anthony Daniel School, closely linked to St. Anthony Daniel Church, opened as a five classroom facility at Scotland in September, 1965. Built at a cost of \$147,700.00, it was the first separate school in South Brant. A staff of four taught 106 students the first year. A shifting population resulted in its enlargement to eight classrooms.

The school, as it was operated in 1965, had its own Board comprised of the following trustees: - Daniel Schieman, Chairman and Edward Lechowicz the Secretary-Treasurer. Other Board members were Anthony Roels, Nicholas Marinuk, Wm Jopko and Peter Vander Elsen. The Rev. Bruce Hartlieb served the school as pastor.

Mr. Phil Burder, who relocated as principal at the Sacred Heart School was appointed the first principal at Scotland. His staff included: Mrs. Patricia Cappellani, Grades 1 and 2; Miss Joan Jackson, Grades 3 and 4; Mrs. Anna MacNamee, Grades 5 and 6; Mr. Phil Bruder, Grades 7 and 8.

With amalgamation in 1969, St. Anthony Daniel came under the jurisdiction of the Brant County Roman Catholic Separate School Board. The two trustees, Mrs. Janet Wrazen and Mr. Dan Dignard, represented the area on the School Board during the year 1990, when 25th Anniversary celebrations were held. At that time, the school accommodated 148 students, from Junior Kindergarten to Grade Eight, and serves mainly a farming community.



St. Anthony Daniel School



Circa 1954

Early bus
service -
driver William
Shelegy helps
Shirley Colins
aboard.

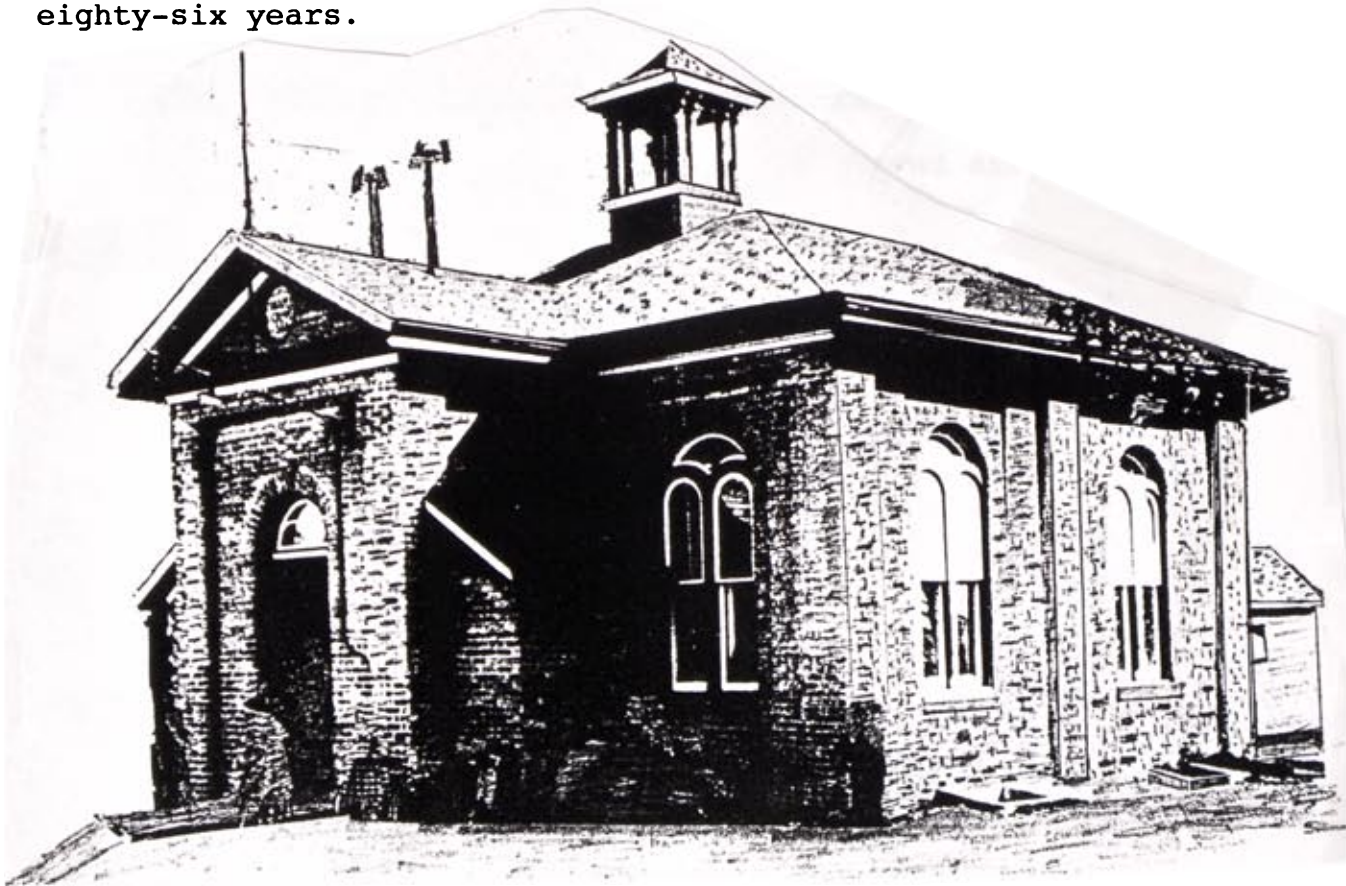
Maple Grove

The first log school house was located near the Red Tavern, close to the Richard Montgomery home. It was referred to as "Strobridge's School". In 1857, the school closed and the property sold to Mrs. King for \$40.00. For a period of years, Maple Grove pupils used the facilities of SS#2 at Oakland or went to Mohawk (Mt. Pleasant).

About 1873, Township officials purchased about an acre, from the north-west corner of Lot 7, Concession III, land owned by Hiram Wesbrook. S.S. 4, a small one room brick school house, built soon thereafter, continued to serve Maple Grove residents for the next eighty-six years.




Hiram Wesbrook (1797-1881)
- original owner of the land
which SS#4 occupied.



S.S.#4 Maple Grove School

Because of the spacious grounds and its central location, Maple Grove school hosted school fall fairs in the 30's. The Women's Institute used the building as a community gathering place and supplied funding for chairs, dishes and other conveniences.



Collegiate Institutes and High Schools of Ontario.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED

That _____

*has passed the ENTRANCE EXAMINATION required by the Education Department
 for admission to a Collegiate Institute or High School.*

Dated at _____

19th July, 1904
 David Clapp B.A.
Inspector of Public Schools.

FORM 178
 30,000 OCT 1903

Teachers at SS#4, among others, who served after the turn of the century included:

Hazel Corman



SS#4 1913 - teacher Hazel Corman

Back row: George Harrison, Jim Ferris, Aletha Biggar, Mabel Wright, Stella Wheeler, Dorothy Allin, Stan Phelps, Gordon Scott, Hazel Corman - teacher.

Middle row: Clarence Dickinson, Harrison, Alfred Edy, George Grantham, Grace MacCalum, Bob Glue, Thelma Dickinson.

Front row: Gladys Wright, Harrison, Lloyd Smith, Demitrie Gava, Harold Mordue, Lena Wheeler, Blossom MacCalum

(teachers continued)

Mrs. Margaret E. Garner



SS#4 Circa 1915

Back row: Gordon Scott, Leonard Smith, Stan Phelps, Jim Ferris, Aletha Biggar, Winnie Grieve, Irene Fewings.

Third row: Harold Mordue, Lloyd Smith, Clayton Smith, Grace MacCalum, Edith Fewings, Muriel Smith, Agnes Freeman.

Second row: Loveland Smith, Alfred Edy, George Grantham, Margaret Garner - teacher.

Front row: Lloyd Grantham, Harold Phelps, Fred Smith, Lena Wheeler, Helen Smith, Irma Smith, Blossom MacCalum.

Mrs. Garner moved to Victoria, B.C. The following appeared in a Victoria religious publication, dated 25th December 1937.



Mrs. Margaret E. Garner

QUOTE

Established some thirty years ago the Alexandra Bible Class has given a continuous and altogether remarkable service to the women of Victoria. The unusually high standard of living, loving and labouring set by its first teacher, Miss Anne Moffat, has been well maintained by her successors.

In the course of years the outlook of the class has been broadened until at the present time no more helpful, loyal, loving company of women could be found anywhere. This wonderful spirit has been developed in large part by the gracious spirit of their teacher, Mrs. Garner who has been their inspiration for the past twelve years. So kindly, so loving, so filled by the spirit of her Master, Mrs. Garner has captured the hearts of her class so that in each of them the same characteristics have developed. Gradually, however, her powers of endurance have been waning, and very reluctantly and to the great dismay of her "girl" her resignation has been tendered and knowing the circumstances, regretfully accepted.

Though retiring as teacher, Mrs. Garner still retains her membership in the class and will continue to radiate that peculiar charm as characteristic of her in all her social relations.

Realizing full well that no gift, however expensive, could rightly express the love and affectionate regard they hold for their teacher, they tendered to Mrs. Garner, a beautiful lamp. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." Mrs. Garner's devotion to, and comfort in, "the word" seemed to her friends to make the gift appropriate.

And so another beloved teacher retires from her labours and the world moves on.

UNQUOTE

Sometime before her death, Mrs. Garner wrote to Aletha (Mrs. Dave) Marr of Maple Grove, a former pupil. An extract from her letter explains how she became the teacher at SS#4 during the early part of the century:

QUOTE

I had taught school when I was young and had a permanent certificate. My dear husband had died two years before and I was living with my sister and her husband in the city (I had lived in the country before) and I thought if I could live in the country again and teach school I would be happier, so I came to Maple Grove and it did me good mentally and physically.

I don't think I made a very good teacher, but I did the best I could and we got along pretty well, did we not!

You all did me good, and I remember you all with affection.

I remember having tea at your home a few weeks after I came to Maple Grove. Your mother and father were so nice. I enjoyed them.

Mrs. Scott and Muriel came to meet me on the way home.

(teachers continued)
Verna H. Wesbrook (1905-1991)
- married Howard Edy (1905-1963)

Margaret Menzies (Bull) - taught in 1930 -
lives in Brantford



UNQUOTE

Verna (Wesbrook) Edy

Teacher, Ann (Wilson) Kemp, graduated from Hamilton Normal School then taught at Holbrook. From there she came to Maple Grove, teaching several years until 1951, when she relocated to Scotland School - 1951 to 1957. She moved on to Paris and Brantford. Three generations of her family got their schooling at Scotland.



1930/31 - Miss Menzies teacher

Top row:

Reginald Gardiner, Charles Beal, Hugh Merritt, Nina Hutton, Alice Grantham, Dora Hutton, Miss Menzies (teacher)

Middle row:

Kilborn Beal, Elton Smith, Margery McKeen, Norma Gardiner, Olive Grantham, Rose Norris, Muriel Guest, Jennie Woolacott

Seated:

Edgar Hutton, Harry Grantham, Alfred Hunks, Marion McKeen, Frances Beal, Donald Marr, Alvin Marr, Donald Norris

(teachers continued)

Arthur McMillan

Arthur Axford

Arthur McRoberts - married Clara Grantham - living in Mount Pleasant

Miss Edwards - of Brantford - her father, John Edwards, the driver of a Canada Bread van, died in a crossing accident where the L E and N crossed the old #24 highway at Maple Grove. The accident occurred on December 14th, 1935. Reva Edwards married Arthur Mullock Mr Goose of Paris.

Miss Cleo McLaughlin (MacLachlan)

Mrs. Ann (Wilson) Kemp - taught in the 40's - left in 1951 to take a similar position at Scotland.

Florence Littler

Mrs. John Taylor

Margurite Hoogendyke

Winifred R. Anderson - 1938 - lives in Burlington

Emma Trefry - in 1954

Karl Nichols

Jean Deardon - lives in B.C.

Ruth Tait

Florence Littler (some teachers commuted from Brantford - others boarded with Mrs. Howard Smith and Mrs. Dave Marr or Mrs. Jack Paterson)



Reva Edwards



S.S.#4 1934 - Teacher Art McRoberts

Back row - Kilburn Beal, Elton Smith, Edwin Persall, teacher Art McRoberts, Muriel Guest, Norma Gardiner, Rose Norris.

Second row - Margaret Marr, Donna Scott, Helen Hunks, Frances Beal, Margaret Persall, Jenny Woolcott, Jessie Gardiner, June Persall.

Third row - Alvin Marr, Don Persall, Harry Grantham, Don Marr, Bill Paterson, Alfred Hunks, Jim Morrison, Charles Guest.

Front row - Bill Bowler, Harvey Smith, Alex Scott, Cliff Persall, Don Norris.

BRANT AND NORTH NORFOLK
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MONTHLY REPORT

(Sept., 1937, to June, 1938)

of Donald Marr a pupil of

Section No. 9 Township of Oakland

Form 7

H. P. Anderson Teacher

Pupils will take this Report with them when they remove to another School

W. JOYCE, B.A.
Public School Inspector

TO PARENTS

This Report will be sent to you at the end of each school month of the year. The Report gives, in the judgment of the Teacher, a fair and impartial estimate of your Child's work and conduct in school. You are requested to carefully examine and compare this report with your estimate of what your Child should accomplish. Is progress, effort and conduct satisfactory?

If the Report is not satisfactory to you, please do not lose any time in having a personal interview with the Teacher. The Teacher may be consulted before or after school hours, not during school hours. We shall reach the best results through a clear understanding and a hearty co-operation.

TO THE TEACHER

This card is intended to contain all the reports necessary to be made regarding the attendance, conduct and class standing of the Pupil herein named. Fill the blanks regularly and carefully at the close of each school month. All entries should be made in ink. Send it to the Parents promptly and see that it is returned promptly with the proper signature.

If rightly used, this card will prove a valuable medium of communication between you and the Parent. It should stimulate the Pupil to do better work at all times, and should assist you greatly in securing desirable results at school.

TO THE PUPILS

This card contains a record of your work and behaviour in school for one year. Every school month a summary of a Report like this will be entered in the permanent school records. We are sure that you will endeavour to make this history of your school days one of which you will always be proud.

Strive to be in your place ALWAYS, and ON TIME, and to do your best. Only in this way can you hope to attain success. Try to surpass.

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BRANT AND NORTH NORFOLK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Report of Donald Marr Grade 7

S. S. No. 4 Township of Oakland

Month	Oral Reading	Writing	History	Geography	Comption	Literature	Grammar	Spelling	Arithmetic	Mech. Arith. III, IV. Bk.	Hygiene	Art	Nature Study	Percentage	Times Late	Half Days Absent	Conduct	Effort	Pupils in Class	Rank
Sept.																4				
Oct.	68		80	59	75	84	72	76	60					72	2	1	E	E	7	4
Nov.																				
Dec.	69	68	60	62	66	78	68	72	49	78		80	68				E	E	7	5
Jan.																6				
Feb.	69	66	61	88	71	61	50	64	60					66		2	E	E	7	4
March																2				
April	69	67	89	81	75	87	68	68	70	88				76			E	E	6	3
May																				
June	70	70	53	89	71	79	72	4	67					68			F	E	6	3
Average																				

Teacher's Remarks	Teacher's Initials	Parent's Signature	Parent's Remarks
		<u>H. R. A. Mrs D. Marr.</u>	
		<u>H. R. A. Mrs D. Marr</u>	
		<u>H. R. A. Mrs D. Marr</u>	
		<u>H. R. A. Mrs D. Marr.</u>	
		<u>H. R. A.</u>	

- NOTES—1. Marks in school studies will be entered in figures denoting percentage;
Conduct and Effort in letters: E is Excellent; G is Good; F is Fair; P is Poor.
2. Low marks in Conduct and Effort indicate wasted time. This needs immediate attention.
3. Marks in Art, Nature Study and Hygiene will be reported three times during the year,
in December, March and June. |



S.S.#4 Ball Team - 1941

Harvey Smith	Alex Scott	Doug Norris	Charles Guest	Bill Bowler
Donna Scott	Margaret Persall	----- Reznik	Margaret Marr	Donaline Allan



Circa 1938 - S.S.#4 Class - teacher Art Axford

back row: Earl Harvey Harry Bill Alvin Ross Cliff Cliff
 Persall Smith Grantham Bowler Marr Smith Persall Wise
 (trustee) Clayton Smith (trustee)

centre row: Margaret Margaret Gerldine Norma --- Evelyn ---- Donna
 Persall Marr Mordue Allan Smith Wise Scott
 Donaline Helen June Art Axford
 Allan Hunks Persall (teacher)

front row: Bev ----- Chuk Leon ----- Charles Alex
 Bowen Persall Smith Guest Scott

The school became obsolete in December of 1961 when Maple Grove joined with Oakland Township area and their children were bused to Oakland school. This was at a time when one room schools throughout Ontario were being phased out as being impractical and uneconomical. Government legislation, Bill 54 dated January 1st, 1965, spelled the doom of such places of learning in the rural countryside. Ultimately, the landmark building was demolished, and today, only a vacant lot remains as a reminder of a landscape years ago when the school was the symbol of an autonomous community which had, and monitored, its own local educational programs and when the school marm lived amongst them as a community resource person who was their very own. The school yard perimeter is still marked by a row of maple trees and the old pump has been preserved in a fence-wire enclosure. Mr. Leslie Polczer owns the property.

MAPLE GROVE SCHOOL REUNION

SAT. JUNE 30th, 1962.

LUNCH at 1 P.M.

Mr. Gordon Scott,

Brantford R.R. No. 2
(President)

You and your family are invited to return to the scene of your School days to a reunion of the former pupils and teachers of Maple Grove School.

Please bring a pot luck picnic basket. Beverage and ice cream provided.

Silver collection to defray expenses.

R.S.V.P.

Mrs. David Marr,
Brantford R.R. No. 2
(Secretary)

The Maple Grove Women's Institute sponsored the reunion at the school grounds. Ten former teachers attended. The lunch was served in Clayton Smith's tobacco pack barn where Gordon Scott outlined the school's history. Both Mr. Scott and his father James had served as school district secretaries. Plans were made to preserve the school bell on the South Brant Legion grounds.



Former students and teacher from the 1930-31 year,
Back row, from left to right: Kilborn Beal, Reg Gardiner, Nina Gardiner (Hutton), Alice Cronkwright (Grantham), Olive Bissett (Grantham), Rose Gabriel (Norris), Muriel Clelland (Guest), and teacher Mrs. Margaret Bull (Miss Menzies). Front row, from left to right: Edgar Hutton, Alfred Hunks, Donald Marr and Alvin Marr.

Over the years, the WI has greatly assisted their local school by upgrading the classroom facilities and by offering direct help with extra curricular activities.

The Institute had a well dug, a basement constructed, cupboards built, bought chairs and tables, made sports equipment available, furnished reading material and installed a clock.

For diversion, they arranged bus trips, and chaperoned the students, to zoos, museums and other places having educational value. As well, they awarded proficiency certificates to deserving students.

Valley School

This school, identified as SS#5 Oakland and SS#21 Burford, stood just inside Burford Township at the junction of Brant Road 16 and concession Road 10, on the north west corner, facing south. It was built in 1875 on property acquired from Robert Miles, formerly the land of Col Chas S. Perley. Mr. Miles sold the lot to the School Board for \$35.00. The school was appropriately named because of its commanding location. Hills rose to the south, to the east, to the north, rolling off to the west towards Fairfield Plains. Before upgrading the Townline, the road dipped sharply near the school causing horses to lean heavily into the traces if their wagon load was heavy.



(Burford Times)

The Valley School, a white frame building
with a turnstile at the front entrance.

In 1979 Margaret E. Davis researched and documented the history of this rural one room school. She writes:

QUOTE

For many years Mrs. Jas. Hardie was the school caretaker, helpful, kind and almost indispensable on cold winter mornings when the fire was lit early. On the morning of the first Friday in May, Arbour Day, the pupils cleaned the school and yard rakes, pails, dust cloths, soap and Bon Ami for the windows were brought from home. A walk to the woods, with teacher, in the afternoon was the reward if all the cleaning was finished before one o'clock.

The school board consisted of three trustees and a secretary. The latter received \$10.00 per annum for "keeping the books". The trustees attended necessary meetings as a taxpayer's duty, without remuneration. During the years 1913 to 1921 these busy farm men included Philip Durham, secretary; Francis H. Davis, Thomas W. Gould and Frank Pepper.

In 1940 the value of the land lot was \$300, of the building \$2,156, of the furniture \$175, and the equipment estimated at \$326. The average salary for teachers there at that time was \$800. In that year 16 cords of 16" wood at \$3.25 was purchased from Merrill Pepper. In 1941 Hydro was installed for lighting but wood remained the source of heat. Records show that the pupils received, for piling the wood in the woodshed, money, which was useful in replacing sports equipment. They also exhibited at school fairs, prize money often going for the purchasing of school needs. Fairs were held at Burford, South School and Fairfield.

In 1941 Fred Lucas received 35 cents per hour for shingling and painting the school and out-buildings. Accounts show the purchase of stove pipe varnish, soap, matches and a wash basin. In 1938 a piano was bought from T.J. Barton and Son, Brantford, for \$40.00. Someone each year had the responsibility of cleaning and repairing the outside toilets and was paid \$3.50.

Some of the teachers' names found for approximately 1900-1905 are: Miss Clara File, Miss Lillian Gundy and Miss Steadwell.

UNQUOTE

(Note - Miss Lillian G. Gundy, daughter of Rev. James Gundy (1831-1897) and Eliza Jane Eddy (1844-1927), married Rev. L. Chester McRoberts (1878-1956). The Gundy family farm, near the school, was located at lots 1 and 2 concession III Oakland Township.)

QUOTE

Teachers for the period 1912-1920 included Miss Jennie Silverthorne and Miss Florence Eadie, Scotland, Ontario who was well known for government extension work in Home Economics including a posting among the Eskimo in the North West Territories. Others were Miss Lena Malcolm and Mrs. Merritt Brown, both teaching for several years.

UNQUOTE

(Note - Jennie P. Silverthorn, born in 1890, married C. Welby Taylor (1891-1970); Lena Malcolm, born at Scotland May 9th, 1898 daughter of Hayward Malcolm (1861-1950) and Martha Hagerman (1862-1943), married Albert Gordon McEwan of Hatchley, farmer and storekeeper. Their son Karl married Margaret Hiles; Mrs. Brown, formerly Jessie Rachel Eakins (1886-1970) married Wm Merritt Brown (1879-1966).

Mrs. Gladys Jeffery had a lengthy stay as the Valley School educator, from 1931 to 1946, followed by Enid Horning.

QUOTE

Recorded names of inspectors are Miss Myrtle Kelly, Dr. Kelly, Mr. T.W. Standing, Col. Joyce and Mrs. Campbell Webster. The Health Inspector was Dr. Frank H. Johnson of Burford.

UNQUOTE

Enid M. Horning of Windham Township, a graduate of Scotland Continuation School, taught during the 1946 to 1948 school terms. She commuted in a model A Ford and, during inclement weather, boarded at the Dan McKnight place. Cecil Davis, Secretary Treasurer, issued her salary cheques at the minimum range of \$1200.00 per annum.



Valley School - October 1947

l to r

Doug Pettit	Louie Gerhing	Enid Horning (teacher)	Marilyn Pettit	Mary McKnight
Ernie Pepper	Stan Wiedrick	Norma Davis	Louise Pepper	Lois Davis
				Betty Marsh

During Enid's tenure, 14 pupils of all ages attended. Extra activities included the annual Christmas concert and softball, regularly playing the Fairfield team.

As an 18 year old, Enid recalls, with some solicitude, an accident in the woodshed. Sent outside on a cold winter day to restock the wood supply, one of the bigger boys Johnny Bozak, came stumbling back into the school, his head dripping with blood. But Enid had been forewarned of trouble by another boy, Ernie Pepper, who came running in ahead of Johnny shouting "teacher, teacher, the wood pile fell down!" Yes, poor Johnny had pulled too hard on one of the neatly piled rows of firewood causing the whole row to come tumbling down and Johnny found himself underneath. Enid left the older children in charge (a frowned on practice) to drive the injured boy home. With only a slight concussion, Johnny was back in school in a few days.

Enid left the teaching profession to further her education, followed by a distinguished career as a missionary in Japan.

With only seven registered for the fall term, Valley closed in September 1952. The school temporarily re-opened in November to accommodate an over abundance of senior pupils at Fairfield school.

Sold and removed from the site in 1958, this centre of learning from another era no longer graces the picturesque setting that overlooks the valley north of Scotland. Mr. L. Stahl built a private residence on the lot, using some material from the old school.

It is well to mention that one room schoolhouses such as S.S.#1 East Oakland, S.S.#2 Oakland, S.S.#4 Maple Grove and The Valley never stood alone on their small lots. Besides the woodshed, usually located adjacent to the boy's entrance because it was the boys and not the girls who re-stocked the wood-box, two outdoor privies dotted the landscape. These lonely and sometimes ugly and defaced buildings, one for the boys and one for the girls, were easy targets for vandals on Halloween night and at other convenient times, as the older boys seized on the opportunity of pelting the two and three seater girl's relief centre, when occupied!

Vanished is another familiar landmark but the memories linger for those who gave and received instruction in the homogeneous and elemental surroundings of this one room school house. For those, now middle aged and older, who recall the care free days of their first seat of learning at Valley, the history of the school will have special meaning.

TEACHERS:

1900 Miss Clara File
 1902/03 Miss Lillie Gundy - married Rev. Chester McRoberts -
 salary \$206.50 per annum.
 1903/05 Miss Alberta Stidwill
 - salary \$300.00 per annum increased to \$325.00.
 1905/07 Frances A. Good
 - salary \$325.00 per annum increased to \$367.85.
 1907/08 Iva L. Robertson
 - salary \$400.00 per annum.
 1908/10 Bertha McKerlie - married Reginald Smith
 - salary \$400.00 per annum.
 1910/11 May Wraight
 - salary \$441.34.
 1911/14 Miss Jenny Silverthorne - married Welby Taylor
 - salary \$500.00.
 1914/16 Miss Florence Eadie
 1916/17 Miss Catherine Beamish
 - salary \$644.62
 1917/21 Miss Lena Malcolm - married Gordon McEwan in 1919 -
 salary \$543.12 increased to \$580.00.
 1921/23 Miss Lorraine Wooley
 1923/25 Mrs. W.M. Brown (Jessie Eakins)
 1925/26 Miss Neva Quant
 1926/29 Miss M. McCready
 1929/30 Miss Verna Rathbun - married Stewart Stubbs
 - salary \$975.00 per annum.
 1930/31 Miss Thelma Scarfe (Scharfe)
 Gladys Tutt married Bert Jeffrey
 Enid Horning - left teaching to become a missionary.
 Connie Harvey
 Betty Burtis married Morley Roswell
 Dave Bryant

TRUSTEES (among others):

1900/10 R. Bruce Waugh (treasurer)
 1904 Isaac Durham
 1904/13 W. Shellington
 1910 Mr. Frank H. Davies (treasurer)
 1910 G.M. Rutherford
 1912 Frank Pepper
 1913 Mr. James Hardie
 1913 Frank H. Davies - trustee and Sec/Treasurer
 - paid \$10.00 per annum.
 1915 T. Goold
 1917 Albert Truax - secretary - paid \$10.00 per annum
 Philip Durham
 1918 Albert Pepper
 Philip Durham - secretary/treasurer
 1919 Frank Thompson - paid \$10.00 per annum as Sec/Treasurer

1921 Ernest C. Hardie
 1923 William Eadie
 1926 Albert Truax
 1927 Philip Durham
 1928 F.H. Davies
 1937 Jack Pinnell
 Guy Wiedrick
 Eric Davies
 Cecil Davis
 George Pettit
 Donald Pepper

MAINTENANCE - CLEANING - UPKEEP - GRANTS - ASSESSMENT

1902 - legislative grant Oakland Twp \$6.30 - Burford Twp \$5.96
 - assessment Oakland Twp \$131.66 - Burford Twp \$266.67.
 - bought 116 ft. wire fence for \$4.25
 - cleaning - Mrs. Durham \$2.00
 1903 - sweeping and fireing - Susie Durham \$3.00
 - ad in Daily Globe for a teacher - \$7.00
 - cleaning - Mrs. James Hardie \$21.00
 - supplying birch stove wood - \$62.00 - Isaac Durham
 1904 - one cord of wood - \$5.00 - Chas Johnston
 - fireing and sweeping - \$5.00 - Susie Durham
 - re-building the woodshed - \$8.50 - F.W. Elliot
 1906 - piling wood - \$1.50 - Harold Gibbons
 1908 - shingling schoolhouse - iron on belfry - \$10.00 - Joel
 M. Hellens
 - fireing and sweeping - \$5.50 - Harold Gibbons
 - Legislative grant \$60.00 - county grant \$22.30 -
 Oakland assessment \$99.33 - Burford Assessment \$251.89
 - Clergy Reserve \$8.85.
 1911 - fireing and sweeping - \$4.00 - Peggie Mott
 1912 - special grant Burford \$232.77 - Oakland \$97.28
 1921 - for wood - \$78.75 - Stanton Porter
 - plowing and manuring school garden - \$5.00 - Frank
 Thompson

March 4th 1886

Burford - The annual concert of Valley School, three miles north of Scotland, was held on Friday night. The feature was the play, "The Irish Linen Peddler", in which Mr. Tom Birley, Miss Birley, Miss Minnie Eddy, Miss Allie Merritt, Mr. Joe Porter and Master Arthur Eddy took part. The Mount Vernon Glee Club sang several numbers. Silverthorne's orchestra played. Glen Middleton, in full uniform, sang several solos. The celebrated Campbell family of Mount Pleasant was present. Mr. M.F. Miles was chairman. The sum of \$22.32 was taken in.

South School - S.S.#6 Oakland/S.S.#11 Burford



South School - 1909

Built in 1898, this elegant brick structure, which looks a little like a church, served Oakland and Burford Township students for the next seventy-one years. Identified in the picture (arrow) is Chas H. Standing, a nephew of Brant and Norfolk School Inspector, Thos W. Standing.

In earlier days, some students in the north-west part of the Township got their elementary schooling at a union school, S.S.E6, located inside Burford Township. Families living in concession VI had the option of sending their children across the townline to the South School, rather than to the Valley School.

In the nineteenth century, the McWilliams, the Averills, the Elliott family and the R.S. Gage family lived in concession VI. Later, the children of Ellsworth Plant, Cecil; Ina; Charlie; Edna and Irene, followed by the children of Alston Campbell had access to S.S.#6, located on the road between concessions VIII and IX, on the north side, at lot 4. Some, including the daughters of Otto Shearer, preferred to attend the Valley School.

On December 29th 1854, trustees of the ninth concession in Burford Twp, Henry Dutcher, Franklin Metcalfe and Hiram Kettle, purchased a half acre of land from Mr. Hiram Kettle, the north-east part of Lot 6, Con. 9. Thomas Standing Sr. bought the farm in 1874, next to the Dutcher place.

Early in 1857, the trustees disposed of the property to a group of worshippers, called "The Dutcherville Wesleyan Methodist Congregation". A cemetery was established there.

On January 22nd, 1857, the trustees acquired a parcel of land for school purposes situated half mile to the east, on the opposite side of the road, from Mr. Baptist Johnston Sr. and a school was built there. The property had a 66 foot frontage. This frame structure was replaced by a new brick structure in 1882 but the school was destroyed by fire about 1898. It was replaced by the brick structure which still stands. During the construction phase, classes were held in a vacant farm house, with weather beaten clapboard siding, owned by Wm Fraser. The farm house stood for another thirty years as a reminder to former students of their make-shift school at the turn of the century.

The teacher then was Miss Alberta Langs. Mr. Metcalf, one of the trustees with a family of ten, obviously had a special interest in the school facilities in the area.

In 1874 an additional piece of property with a 66 foot frontage, to the west of the original, was donated by Mr. Baptist Johnston. In 1910, another addition, with 132 feet of frontage, was purchased, to the east, from Mr. Wm. Henry Metcalfe to make a larger playground.

Undamaged in the fire of 1898, the name plate was preserved and placed over the centre front window of the new school which still stands, and is now a private residence. It identifies the school as S.S.#11 (Burford). In the early 1880's, the school became a union school section, embracing the north tip of Oakland Township. Attendance by Oakland Township pupils was limited to the few families residing in concession VI.

One of the first treasurers of the union school, Thomas Standing Sr., farmed west of the school, on lot 6 concession IX. Thomas, born in Peel County in 1830, married Janet Balmer, in 1854. They bought the 150 acre farm near Burford twenty years later. Thomas and Janet had ten children including Thomas W. Standing Jr., born September 12th 1859, who held the position of County School Inspector for many years, being appointed in 1902. Historical records (an audited statement) shows T. Standing Sr. as treasurer of S.S.#6 in 1884.

The school building was, typically, of modified Gothic architecture, with three arched windows on the east and west sides (upper) and three similar windows in the front. This was the main, one room, classroom area. There were eight smaller windows in the lower level, with the wood furnace located centrally and one large grate to take the heat to the main classroom. The boys and girls had separate cloakrooms. On the raised platform at the north end of the classroom area was a library, behind the teacher's desk. The blackboards were on the north wall. The older boys were delegated the task of keeping the furnace stoked and used the lower level as a play area during the inclement weather. Pupils served hot lunches in the winter months. On occasions, they made and served hot pies using a coal oil oven.



Outside, on the roof, was a belfry, also boy's and girl's outhouses on the east and west sides respectively with a board fence between. There was a woodshed and a pump on the east side of the school. The lot was suitably landscaped. Maple trees had been planted around the periphery of the lot. The Metcalfe house stood north-east of the school.

Former students at the school, Wilfred H. Eddy (1898-1962), Charlie H. Standing and Tom V. Fraser served as trustees, along with George M. Hearne, Wm Shellington, Harry Alton and Ernest Sibbick. Thos Fraser of Brantford and Charlie Standing provided much of the historical data herein, the school records having been destroyed in a fire at the Township office in the mid thirties.

The Fraser family had a long standing connection with the school. The progenitor, Colonel John Zimmerman Fraser born at St. George in 1854, came to the ninth concession as a young man where he established a successful farming operation. He became a leader in the United Farmers Co-Operative Company and the UFO. The latter organization entered politics in 1919 and elected forty-two members to the Ontario Legislature. Col Fraser was also president of the Farmers Publishing Company for three terms.

The Fraser home, on the south-east corner of the 9th concession and Maple Avenue South, housed some of the teachers as boarders. Many garden parties and political rallies occurred here. Col. Fraser died in 1932, at age 78.

His son, John P. Fraser, became one of the Township's active agriculturalists and civic leaders, including a term as Warden of the County. John's brother, Bill, married Isabel Stapley teacher at South School in the thirties, remembered by some as the snake lady.

Alice Riddle, born March 30th, 1912 in Townsend, commenced her education at the South School in 1918. Her teachers included Miss Turner, Miss Holmes, Miss Eva Middlemiss, Miss Palmer, Miss Theresa Jackson, Miss Alva Kendrick and Miss Elizabeth McKeon. During one of her terms, there was turn over of three teachers. Alice's older brother, Herbert (1908-19), together with her younger sister, Hazel L. Riddle, who married Wm James Snodgrass and her younger brother, Eugene, born in 1922, also attended the South School.



Alice M. Riddle (RN retired) Burford, Ontario. Burford's Citizen of the Year in 1985 and a former South School student.

In earlier days, students got to school any way they could. The era of busing had not arrived and each used his or her own innovative skills to make the trip as easy and expedient as possible. Others dawdled as they slovenly trudged down the ninth concession road or across the back fields. Conveyances included bicycles, or they hitched a ride on the jigger, the horse and gig, horse and cutter, hitched a ride on the wagons or sleighs going to the creamery or, in inclement weather, the daughters in the family turned on their charm to convince father to get the Whippet or the Essex or the Durant out of the garage.

Until 1947, each school had its own trustees then an elected Burford Township Area Board took over all twenty-one Township schools.

In 1953, the assessment rate for property owners in SS#5 (Valley School) and SS#6, who were not in the Burford High School District, was 38.9 mills - those in the District paid 35.8 mills.

Ultimately, one room schools such as the South School became obsolete when school areas were dissolved. At the closure of South School in 1969, the County School Board was forced to contact all of Mr. Baptist Johnston's descendents in Canada and the U.S. because the 66 foot frontage on which the school sat had been allocated for school use only.

TEACHERS - (not necessarily in chronological order)



Miss Louise Palmer, Herbert Riddle, Mrs. George Riddle,
Hazel Riddle and Alice Riddle.



Mrs. George Riddle, Miss Eva
Middlemiss and three Riddle children.

Mr. Hunt

Miss Alberta Langs of Langford - late 1890's - she became severely crippled with arthritis but continued to teach.

Miss Annie Horton

Miss Ada Collins - 1909/10 - a sister of Chas Collins who farmed near the school.

Miss Wallace - 1916/17
 Miss Clara Lanning - 1917/18 - also taught at SS#5, the Valley School.
 Miss Turner - 1918
 Miss Holmes
 Miss Eva Middlemiss - 1919/20
 Miss Louise Palmer - 1919 - of Norwich
 Miss Theresa Jackson - 1920/21 - her father owned the Jackson Creamery, one mile south of Harley, and lived on Dufferin Street, Burford. Some of the family lived near St. George. Her sister, Elva, helped at the school.
 Miss Alva Kendrick - 1921/24 - she came from a farm east of Brantford.
 Miss Elizabeth McKeon - 1925 - a native of Merlin, Ontario - she was the entrance class teacher for Alice Riddle.

of *Hazel Riddle*..... a pupil
 of Section No. *4/6*... Tp. of *Burford*
 Form *Ill. Ill.*
*E. A. McKeon*.....Teacher
 T. W. STANDING, P. S. Inspector

Miss Dell Murray - 1925 - from Woodstock - married A.W. Eddy's son, Edward, (hence known as Eddy Eddy) After their marriage, Ed and Dell farmed the Witherspoon property then moved to Woodstock to take over Dell's father's place where they became leading citizens in the community.
 Miss Esther Murray - 1926 to 1932 - she was a farm girl from north of Woodstock and only taught in one, one room school. The Inspector got her on staff of the 'Blind Institute' now W. Ross Macdonald School. When Eugene Riddle started school, Esther said to him "Won't your mother be lonely without you?" He replied, "She's got pa". A thoughtful teacher, Esther walked home with Cecily Helliar to explain that what happened to her dress wasn't Cecily's fault, then walked to her boarding place at the other end of the school section.



1928 - Esther Murray at the front entrance to South School.

As far as many are concerned, Esther A.C. Murray was *South School!* Her six years as an educator had a real impact on the community. In her final year she had 28 students. When it was time to leave, in 1932, Esther received showers of praise at a farewell party held at the Alston Campbell (Sr.) place, across the line in Oakland Township.

Without quick action on Esther's part, the South School would have disappeared for a second time in thirty years, swept away by a fiery inferno when mischievous boys dropped firecrackers below the floor boards on Halloween day. Esther snatched her coat, and with a flurry of pummelling strikes, she squelched the flames before they could spread. The incident did not go unnoticed. The School Board rewarded Esther with a brand new muskrat coat.

In her honour, a reunion was arranged on Sunday afternoon, April 29th, 1973 at the Burford United Church Hall. For the occasion Esther wore the silver necklace and earrings given her in 1932 when she terminated her contract. Alvin Eddy, a former student, served as master of ceremonies. The reunion at Burford preceded Esther's retirement from the staff of the Ontario Blind School by two months. She left teaching in June 1973.



29 April 1973

(a Burford Advance photo)

Esther A. C. Murray, on the left, is presented a framed sketch of her beloved South School.

The register of the reunion contains familiar names like Alcroft, Amy, Beven, Campbell, Courtnage, Deveney, Duckworth, Eddy, Hall, Harker, Hearne, Helliard, Hounslow, Hunt, Jull, Lowes, Riddle, Ryder, Shellington, Sibbick, Swayze and Wingrove.

- Miss Isabel Stapley - taught in the early to mid thirties. She was Eugene Riddle's second teacher. Some believed her to be a pet fanatic as she enjoyed handling snakes. She loved poetry and art. She was not a strict disciplinarian but gave Eugene a strapping as he and St. Clair Deveny had rolled cedar bark and tried to smoke it. The fire got away from them. Someone saw it and put it out before it got into Alf Eddy's grainfield. This occurred on the way home from school and the next day Miss Stapley called them to come to the front asking if they got strapped at home. Neither boy had but St. Clair said he had. So she sent Eugene to her boarding place for the strap and used it on him. Isabel Stapely married Bill Fraser, the youngest of Col. John Z. Fraser. Their daughter Margaret is living. After Bill died, Isabel married Burnt Vik and they lived in Woodstock. He took her to visit his family in Norway where she died. He brought her body back to the Fraser plot in Burford.
- Miss Iona Winterburn - of Norwich - taught in the mid thirties - had a short fuse and was quick to resort to corporal punishment.
- Miss Edith Miller - she was the daughter of Frank Miller, a Burford merchant - often called a "sweetheart" teacher.
- Miss Evaline Mason - 1938/39 - she married Howard Disher - moved to Brantford.
- Miss F.E. Sterne - 1940
- Miss Elizabeth Maben - 1941
- Mrs. Lena McEwan - 1942/43 - a graduate of Hamilton Normal School, born in 1898 at Scotland to Hayward and Martha Malcolm. Lena married Albert Gordon McEwan. Their children are Karl (of Oakland) and Elaine Oliver (of Otterville). Lena and Gordon operated Harley General Store. He died in 1955. In 1957, Lena married James F. Grantham and lived in Penticton, B.C. until his death in 1984, then moved to Otterville.
- Miss Miriam Green - 1944 - of Bethel, married Robert Milburn of Bethel.



Circa 1940
Miss F.E. Sterne



Circa 1941
Miss Elizabeth Maben



Circa 1944
Miss Miriam Green

- Mrs. Verna (Jim) McLaren - 1965 - still living on concession 8 Burford, just west of the middle townline.
- Velma (Mrs. Fred) Goring - 1966-69 - now living on the Burford/Windham townline. She taught at South School until the Burford Township school area was dissolved in 1969 and busing began to transport students to central schools.

BRANT AND NORTH NORFOLK
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MONTHLY REPORT

(Sept., 1925...to June, 1926...)

of Hazel Riddle a pupil

of Section No. 11 Tp. of Burford

Form Jr. IV

D. Murray Teacher

T. W. STANDING, P. S. Inspector

Certificate of Promotion to
Next Form

It is hereby Certified that Hazel Riddle

has completed the Course in Form IV and has

been regularly promoted to Form I H.S.C.

Dated June, 1926 D. Murray Principal

Pupils removing to another School should present this report
so as to be properly Classified

Sept. 1925 to June, 1926	Oral Reading	Spelling	Writing	Compo- sition	Literature	Arith- metic	Gram- mar	Geogra- phy	History	Hygiene	Art	Nature Study	Average
Sept.	80	100	79	85	93	100	82	94	92		75		88
Oct.	90	100	80	80	-	100	93	96	86	92	75	92	89.4
Nov.	80	84	80	82	89	70	89	83	82		85		82.4
Dec.	90	100	88	82	67	80	75	78	25	75	95	66	78.4
Jan.	88	96	85	78	65	83	95	85	92	82	80		84.4
Feb.	88	92	89	86		88	70	79	56		80	80	82.8
March	78	96	90	89	87	78	88	68	68	77	80	94	82.8
April	88	56	90	83	76	67	76	76	72				76
May	90	76	84	79	70	58	84	81	78				77.8
June													
Average	80	89	85	83	78	80	86	82	71	81	81	83	82

Rank	Pupils in Class	Effort	Conduct	Days Absent	Times Late	Teacher's Initials	Signature of parent or guardian, who is requested to examine this report carefully each month
I	3	4	4	0	0	D.M.	Mrs. Geo. Riddle
I	3	4	4	0	0	D.M.	Mrs. Geo. Riddle
I	3	4	4	6	1	D.M.	Mrs. Geo. Riddle
I	3	4	4	0	0	D.M.	Mrs. Geo. Riddle
I	3	4	4	0	1	D.M.	Mrs. Geo. Riddle
I	3	4	4	4	1	D.M.	Mrs. Geo. Riddle
I	3	4	4	0	2	D.M.	Mrs. George Riddle
I	3	4	4	0	0	D.M.	Mrs. George Riddle
I	3	4	4	2	0	D.M.	Mrs. George Riddle
I	3	4	4	2	0	D.M.	Mrs. George Riddle
I	3	4	4	2	0	D.M.	Mrs. George Riddle

**BRANT AND NORTH NORFOLK
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

MONTHLY REPORT

(Sept., 193~~8~~⁹..... to June, 193⁹.....)

of *Ruth Marie Standing* pupil of
 Section No. *11* Township of *Brantford*
 Form *Grade II*
 *Eveline Mason* Teacher

Pupils will take this Report with them when they remove to another School

W. JOYCE, B.A.
Public School Inspector

**REPORTING
PROGRESS**

**FOR BRANT AND NORTH NORFOLK
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Inspector: J. C. WEBSTER, B.A., B.Paed
Court House, Brantford

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Name of Pupil *Ruth Standing*
 Grade *7* School *U.S.S. 11 and 16*
Brantford and Oakland

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Court House, Brantford

Name of Pupil *Ruth Standing*

Grade *7* School *U.S.S. 11 and 6
Burford and Oakland*

This report carries with it the fundamental principle that the School and the Home must strive together in the interests of the Child; it is not sent out with the spirit of the tale-bearer but with an earnest desire to cooperate to the full in cultivating those things which go to make a better member of our Democratic Society. Parents are invited to visit the School and talk over difficulties informally and friendly with the Teacher at any time. Inquiry should be made if this card fails to reach you on or before the last school day in October, December, February, April or June.

1942



Teacher - Lena McEwan

1942

Union School Burford 11 and Oakland 6 - teacher Lena McEwan. Two pupils, Ruth Standing, left back row, and Marion Standing, right end middle row, have been identified. They are the daughters of Chas and Irene (Border) Standing.





South School - class of 1909/10 - teacher Ada Collins
 (Note: some of the boys attended school in their bare feet)

Back row - left to right: Kelly Metcalf, Clifford Edmonds, Edna Buckingham, Florence Fraser, Ada Collins (teacher), Violet Buckingham, Roy Deveney, Wilfred Eddy.

Middle row - left to right: Merritt Metcalf, Tom Fraser, Charlie Campbell, Nellie Eddy, Lizzie Deveney, Annie Deveney, Charlie Standing, Sam Fraser, Frank Deveney, Edward Eddy.

Front row - left to right: Ross Wingrove, Son (Anderson) Scrimger, Stanley Edmonds, Orland Shellington, Clarence Silverthorne.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE STUDENTS:

Wilfred H. Eddy (1898-1962)

Son of Alfred W. Eddy (1872-1937) and Lottie-Belle Mabel Roberts (1874-1953), farmed in concession eight, north-west of the school. Alfred Eddy served as reeve in 1920/21. Wilfred married Velma May McArter on November 11th, 1920. They were the parents of Helen M.; Mary W.; Dorothy J. and Carol E. They took their elementary education at the South School, except Carol. Wilfred's siblings were L. Winnifred (1896-1967); Edward P. (1900-1984); Nellie B. (1902-1923); Wm C. (1905-1988); Donald R. (1910-1982); Loretta L. (1912-1984); H. Russell b. 1913; Lila M. b. 1915; Alvin "Hap" R. b. 1917.

Nellie Eddy

Wilfred's sister, died at 21 years of age from Brights disease.

Edward P. Eddy (farmer)

Wilfred's brother, born in 1900 married Dell Wilson Murray in 1926. They had two sons, Robert and Arthur. Robert died in a farm accident as a child. Ed died on November 24th, 1984 near Woodstock.

Charles H. Standing

A farmer, retired to Burford a number of years ago. He still lives, in his early nineties. His uncle Thomas was the School Inspector in Brant County - appointed in 1902.

Thomas V. Fraser - moved to Brantford.

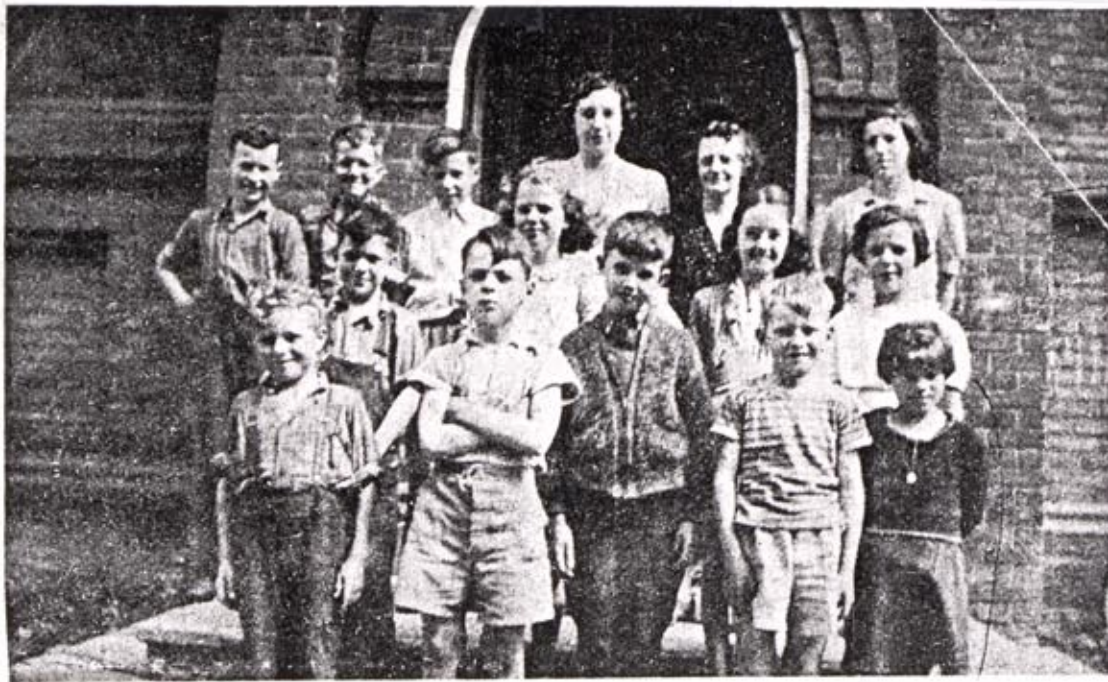


One boy and four girls in the back row were the Entrance Class, Sr. IV. Successful entrance exams allowed them to move on to Form I at High school.



Circa 1925

South School pupils drill at Burford Fair grounds. Maple leaves around girl's heads and maple leaf garlands over right shoulder.



South School - 1942

Back row: Billie Apps; Roy Sibbick; Wilmer Collett; Miss Inns, Music Teacher; Mrs. Lena McEwan, Teacher; Mary Wingrove.

Centre row: Ross Sibbick; Donna Bonney; Marion Standing; Winnie Beckham.

Bottom row: Clinton Bonney; Ross Heckendorn; Jimmie Peake; Alston Campbell Jr. (two were absent and two names are missing - the Beckham girls are on the right side - teachers of this era boarded at Frasers or Geo Hearnnes). Alston Campbell's two sisters, Mary and Catherine, also attended the South School.



South School - class of 1943 - teacher Mrs. Lena McEwan

In the picture are Roy Sibbick, Wilmer Collett, Wm. Apps, Mary Wingrove, Ruth Standing, Donna Bonney, Alston Campbell, Ross Heckendorn, James Peake, Clinton Bonney, Gerald Fraser, Winnie Beckham, Ross Sibbick, Nellie Beckham, Marion Standing.
 (Alston Campbell Jr. is the only student from Oakland Township - the two Standing girls are daughters of Chas H. Standing.)



South School S.S. #11 Burford and S.S. #6 Oakland - 1909

Back Row from Left: Kelly Metcalf, Clifford Edmonds, Edna Buckingham, Florence Fraser, Miss Ada Collins (Teacher), Violet Buckingham, Roy Deveney, Wilfred Eddy.

Middle: Merritt Metcalf, Tom Fraser, Charlie Campbell, Nellie Eddy, Lizzie Deveney, Annie Deveney, Charlie Standing, John Fraser (Sam), Frank Deveney, Edward Eddy.

Front: Ross Wingrove, Anderson Scrimger (Son), Stanley Edmonds, Orland Shellington, Clarence Silverthorn(e)

(same picture as shown on p. 533 - different pose)



This business training centre, served a wide area. Located at Waterford, outside Oakland Township, it offered training to many Scotland Continuation School graduates, with enrolment dating back to its opening in 1911. Its principal, O.U. Robinson, was a graduate of Waterford High School, the Simcoe Model School and Central Business College in Stratford, Ontario. Firstly, he opened his home in Round Plains to classes, then moved the college to Waterford, on Terrace Hill. Early in life, Mr. Robinson suffered a debilitating attack of arthritis which ultimately put him in a wheelchair.

Tuition fees were in the order of \$8.00 per month in 1918, increasing to \$15.00 in advance (or \$44.00 three months in advance) by the year 1942. Six calendar months cost \$87.00 and the whole school year of ten months (in advance) cost the student \$140.00. The cost of books and supplies varied from \$10.00 to \$25.00 depending on the course - secretarial course book \$25.00, commercial course book \$20.00, shorthand course book \$10.00 plus several others.

Application
For Admission

No deposit or registration fee is required. You may cancel your application at any time without obligation. The filing of this application ensures a desk reservation. Our enrollment is definitely limited to 70 students.

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Mr. O. U. Robinson, Principal,
Robinson Business College,
Waterford, Ontario

Dear Sir:

Please reserve a seat for me. I intend to enter your Day Classes on the **Opening of Your Fall Term, Sept. 1**, or not later than

.....194.....

At present I plan to take theCourse

My name is

My address is

Age Education Phone No.

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Please mail a copy of your catalogue to my friends who, I believe, are interested in your Business Courses.

For the applicants, greatly reduced fares were offered students who travelled on the three railways going into Waterford in 1940 - the New York Central, the Lake Erie and Northern and the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo.

Robinson Business College, Ltd.
Waterford, Ontario
MONTHLY REPORT

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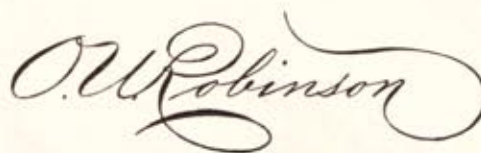
Month of December 1942.

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Accounting I. <i>84</i>	Shorthand Letters
Accounting II. <i>84</i>	Shorthand Legal
Accounting Secretarial	Typewriting, Budget <i>78</i>
Arithmetic	Typewriting, Accuracy and Speed
Rapid Cal. <i>84</i>	Spelling <i>75</i>
Penmanship <i>64</i>	Correspondence
Business Forms <i>P</i>	Inv. and Office Prac.
Commercial Law	Secretarial Science
Economics	Salesmanship
Money and Banking	Library Science
Shorthand Theory <i>78</i>	Business Organization
Filing	Ediphone

Possible—100% Pass—70%

REMARKS:



Principal

"Happy is the man that findeth wisdom and the man that getteth understanding."

Mr. Robinson, recognized not only as a skilful pen artist but as an expert in disputed handwritten documents, often testified in court as an "expert witness".

In the early days of the College, three well known Oakland men were engaged as educators by Mr. Robinson. They were: Wray Crumback of East Oakland who married Reba F. Nelles, daughter of David and Ida (Kettle) Nelles of Wilsonville. Wray, son of Merritt Crumback, moved from Waterford to Montreal to take a position at City Hall: Percy Button, also township Clerk, a position he held for many years: Walter Hepburn (1902-1990) son of Clara Hepburn, a market gardener north of Oakland village. Mr. Hepburn moved on to Calgary where he opened his own college in that western city.

Oakland Township students who went on to take business training at O.U. Robinson Business College included:

Harley "Strat" Stratford (1906-1984)
 - son of Sylvester and Harriett Stratford of Oakland. He attended the 1922 class and took employment with Vipond Mines at Schumacher, Ontario after graduating, later transferring to McIntyre Mines. In retirement, he and his wife Gwen Fowler lived in the Niagara area.



1928
 Harley Stratford

Wilbur M. Edy (1906-1939), son of Maitland and Ella Edy, was in the 1924 class - he became stricken with arthritis severely and was bed-ridden at the time of his death.

Franklin "Chub" Martin (23 Apr 1908 - 19 Aug 1942) attended the 1926 class - son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Martin of Oakland, formerly of the Six Nations Reserve. Following his graduation from the college, Chub worked at the Indian Band Office in Brantford, then became a steel worker in partnership with Bill Davis of Oakland. He joined the Dufferin and Haldimand Rifles in 1939 and was killed in the Dieppe raid of 1942.

Keith Poss (1921-1978) of Townsend Township. He joined the RCAF during World War II. In 1951 he was appointed Scotland Postmaster and served in the position until his death on February 13, 1978.

Margaret "Peggy" Glaves, daughter of J.C. and Keturah Glaves, funeral home operator at Scotland.

Edith E. Graves, daughter of a well known garage owner at Scotland, Ensley Graves. She took employment with Stero-Cloth Company of Brantford. Edith married Bill Wilson of

Scotland, also a graduate. The Ensley Graves garage was located at the corner of Oakland and Church streets, south-east corner. Edith lives in retirement at Brantford.

Marion E. McDougall of Scotland - took work with Crane Co. Ltd. of Toronto.

Karl McEwan of Harley - his parents operated a general store at Harley - found employment with the Steel Company of Canada and later moved to Oakland. He married Margaret Hiles of Scotland whose father, Cec Hiles, was a well known barber. Karl and Margaret live south of Oakland village, near the townline - they ran a general store at Smithville before returning to Oakland.

Ken E. Markle of Scotland - employed by Provincial Tire Corp of Brantford.

Norma Poss of Townsend - her parents Willard and Reta Poss moved to Oakland Township in 1947 - Norma married R.M. Zakrocki and moved to South Bend, Indiana.

Jean Rammage daughter of Russell and Florence Rammage, farmers west of Oakland - she took employment as a Record Clerk at RCAF No.5 Station, Brantford. Jean married the Rev. Byron Nevin of Chatham, N.B. They served the Presbyterian Church in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Ontario and now live in retirement at Ancaster, Ontario.

Jean E. Walker of Scotland - employed by the Brantford Expositor - now Mrs. McAlister living in Hamilton.

William Wilson of Scotland - Hard Rock Gold Mines, Geraldton, Ont. He enlisted in WWII. Bill married Edith Graves, daughter of Ensley and Ethel Graves.

Elsie Garner of Wilsonville - daughter of W. H. Garner, one of the first tobacco farmers in Oakland-Townsend. Elsie found work at Canadian Cannery, Waterford.

Salaries paid to those who graduated about 1942 were minimal. For females in the general Office Training Course, their pay was in the range of \$75.00 a month after graduating, including living allowance. Young ladies with matriculation standing who graduated from the Secretarial Course received about \$85.00 a month. One bright student graduated and went to a salary of \$107.00 a month, plus bonus. Young men received salaries from \$70.00 to \$140.00 per month after graduation.

Mr. Robinson moved to British Columbia in 1944. He sold out to a former pupil, Cecil McMartin, a teacher at Acadia in Wolfville, N.S. who returned to manage the business for six years. Mr. McMartin now lives at Hamilton.



O.U. Robinson, Principal and proprietor
Robinson Business College, Waterford



Mrs. Agnes Orr
Robinson
Vice Principal

The introduction of special commercial courses into the High School system spelled doom for the College. In 1950, the College closed, selling out to the Polish New Canadians who modified the centre of learning for their club house. In 1970, fire destroyed the former college and another landmark disappeared, sparking memories and a touch of nostalgia by former students who had gained the fundamentals for a successful career in the world of business at this highly acclaimed affiliated school.

Honour Roll	
Anderson, Alex	Miller, Hugh
Blight, Gordon	Miller, William
Burkholder, Kay	Miller, Wilson
Burroughs, Alex (U.S.A.)	Mitchell, Lloyd
Cade, Beatrice	Mitchell, William
Colman, Gwendolyn	Mauthe, Peter
Curtis, Clarence	O'Mahoney, John
Dilts, Arnold	Pew, William (U.S.A.)
Ebert, Owen	* Poss, Keith
Floren, Ray	Proraski, Stanley
Fryatt, Delmar	Randall, Kenneth
Gelinas, Steve	Sanderson, Garfield
Gilliland, Judson	Scott, Jack
Gowdy, Nelson	Silverthorn, Donald
Holton, Mark	Silverthorn, Roy
Kiefer, Donald	Symington, Lee
Lee, George	Todd, Norman
Lee, Thomas	Watt, Fred
Lewis, David	Whitehead, Thomas
MacWhinnie, Jean	Willis, Alex
* Martin, Franklin (killed at Dieppe)	Wilson, Bill
May, Clarence	Young, Edward
	Young, James



Marguerite Peggy
Ritchie Glaves

Oakland Township graduates
of yesteryear

S.S.#9 WILSONVILLE

Also in Townsend, just to the south of Oakland Township, stood the Wilsonville Public School. Over the years, three different sites and two different buildings have housed the school.

The first was on the southeast corner of the four corners, on the farm settled by James Wilson and owned by Bert Wilson and his wife Fanny Dunnett until it was sold to Jack McLaughlin in 1962.

The school house, in James Wilson's mill yard, was moved some distance east, on property now owned by Mrs. Carter, as a safety measure. Later, John Persall used the building as a pump factory.

The present site, bought in 1862 for \$50, saw a stone building erected, in 1866. It opened in 1867 with 40 desks - total cost \$1,181.02.

The addition to the school property on the northside was bought for \$200 from the Taggart estate in 1928 but was not registered until 1933. The wood lot across the road was bought for \$100.

With hydro installed in 1945, a new room for expansion was officially opened in 1955.

The only woman recorded as having been elected a trustee of the school section, Mrs. Lew Riddle, got her seat in 1919. Her husband, the secretary-treasurer, nominated another man for the office. The election, a tie, caused the chairman to cast a vote in the favor of the man. He refused and nominations, were called again.

Mrs. Riddle, nominated again, saw her husband nominate another. In the second vote, she was elected although the records do not indicate that she ever acted as a trustee.

Needless to say, for a while following the elections, silence but not tranquility prevailed in the Riddle household.

A class reunion in connection with the 100th anniversary and closing of the Wilsonville Public School was held in 1966 by the Wilvancrest Women's Institute.

William Taylor, a recently retired senator, was guest speaker at the picnic. The children took part in a sports program.

On the front page of the 1861 records of School Section No.9 Townsend is this notation: "The year in which the school was opened, 1842, value of the school property \$1,300.

Appendix

Scotland Congregational (United Church ministers):

NALL, Reverend James (1799-1880)

Obituary - The Canadian Independent May 27th 1880:

QUOTE:

The following notice from the Detroit "Post and Tribune" has reference to one whom the present generation of Congregationalists hardly knew, but who in his time did good service for the Master in this part of the vineyard. A letter from his son, at Detroit, says: "As he laboured so long and faithfully in his Master's service in Canada I have thought you would like to make notice of his death in your valuable paper, that he has taken and read with so much please in his declining days. Canada has always held a warm place in his heart. He died as he had lived, a happy, cheerful Christian. His life has been that of a consistent Christian minister, and we revere his memory."

Mention has been already made of the death, in this city, on the 8th, of Rev. James Nall in the 82nd year of his age. His useful labours and beautiful character, however, render eminently proper some further reference to a life thus closed. Mr. Nall was born in Castleton, Derbyshire, England, in 1798, and educated for a position in the Church of England. But he became a dissenter and joined the Independents or Congregational body in that country, and soon entered the ministry of that denomination. He laboured at Blakewell and Birmingham, and was very successful in his work. Becoming interested in foreign missions he was induced to contemplate emigration to Canada and the planting of churches there, and in the year 1832 he came to this country in company with the Rev. Hy. Wilkes of Montreal, these two being the first Congregational ministers ever settled in this country. Landing in Montreal, he assisted in the organization of Dr. Wilkes' church, the first one formed in that country. He at the same time received two invitations, one from a well-to-do parish in the United States and another from a locality in Canada, where they desired a Congregational church to be organized, but could offer only \$100 a year salary. This latter fell in with his idea of the missionary work that he had left England to do, and he accepted it, living mainly on his own private means, and riding all through the surrounding country in his zealous and faithful labours of preaching the Gospel to needy communities. This was the first of

about thirty churches organized in Canada by him. By these labours he became very well and widely known. He was pastor at Burford for eleven years, during which time he became noted all through the Province (in 1837 during the rebellion) by his famous church contest, which was carried into the courts, and in which he triumphed. A present member of the Dominion Parliament in speaking of his sturdy championship of this cause at the time said that there was but one other as vigilant antagonist with which to cope, and that was the Devil. The efforts which he put forth at this time were very great. Subsequently he went to Sarnia (opposite to Port Huron), where he built a Congregational church and parsonage almost entirely out of his own means. About 1847 he came to Michigan, settling in Detroit, where he became a sort of home-missionary agent, gathering supplies and ministering to feeble churches. In the course of two or three years he was sought for to return to Canada, on account of his wide acquaintance, and take charge of a book and tract agency with headquarters at Toronto. This he did, filling the position for several years. Once more returning to Detroit, where two or three of his children were settled, he took up his residence for life. He was already well on in the evening of his days, but so vigorous was he in body and mind and so unquenchable in zeal, that he could not be idle, and he at once set at work among the smaller churches not many miles from Detroit, preaching to them, counselling and otherwise assisting them, and walking among them, the faithful examples of his own teachings. For the last few years he had retired entirely from the work of the ministry, the slowly growing infirmities of age compelling him thus to cease a work that he ardently loved. Then he spent much of his leisure time in writing and publishing various small works for gratuitous distribution. After his death a manuscript was found entitled "Inside the Gates, a Condensed Bible View of Heaven," which indicates the subject on which his mind dwelt much during the latter years of his life. Sagacious in judgment, equable in temperament and pure in life, he thus closed an unwontedly long, active and useful career. Without a thought of repining he waited all the days of his appointed life till his change should come, and met death without a struggle or a fear, and straightaway entered into the joy of his Lord.

UNQUOTE

Ann (Mrs. James) Nall, daughter of Reverend Robert Winfield of Derbyshire, died at Detroit August 18th, 1869. Before marrying the Rev. Nall, she had previously been married to John Johnson and was left a widow with two children. She re-married in 1832 (condensed from the Canadian Independent, December 1869).

CLARKE, Reverend William F. (1824-1902)

Rev. William F. Clarke, Congregational clergyman, Guelph, Ont., was born on the 31st of March, 1824, at Coventry, Eng. His father was the Rev. Wm. Clarke, who founded the Congregational Church in London, Ont., in 1837, and was one of the pioneer ministers of Western Canada. He received his theological education in Toronto at the Congregational College of British North America, and entered the ministry in 1844, when he was only twenty years of age. His first charge was Burford, Ont., after which he became pastor of the Congregational Church in London, where he remained about ten years. While there he was Superintendent of Schools for the city, and secretary of the County Board of Education. He subsequently removed to Guelph and became pastor of the Congregational Church, from 1860 to 1872. After this he was pastor of several churches in Ontario. In 1888 he retired from the regular settled ministry. He has for many years been prominent in the promotion of agriculture, having been for thirty years a constant contributor to Agricultural and Horticultural Departments of the Montreal Witness. He also founded the Canada Farmer, Ontario Farmer, and Rural Canadian, and was editor of The American Bee Journal of Chicago for two years. For twenty years he has been a constant contributor to the latter and to other journals. He is the founder of the Guelph Agricultural College, and has recently founded the Ontario Bee-Keeper's College. Mr. Clarke is also contributor to



several of the leading journals in Canada and the United States. he possesses extensive knowledge of the leading questions of the day, and is a writer of great versatility and power, still retaining his strength and vigor, and bids fair to spend many more years in helping his fellows in the many ways for which he is so eminently fitted. He was married in 1844 to Mary Ann, daughter of the late Rev. William Lyle, a minister of the Primitive Methodist Church.

(MEN OF CANADA)

(died 25 Sept 1902)

CLARKE, Reverend William F. (1824-1902)

QUOTE:

For some time the Congregational churches had no official organ, but at the annual meeting of the Union in 1854, the matter was taken up, and Rev. W.F. Clarke was appointed Editor of a new publication to represent the churches. Thus it was that on July, 1854, The Canadian Independent, a fortnightly paper, saw the light of day.

In the resolution, it was stipulated "that arrangements should be made to pay the Editor a salary, and, if there be profits in the future, they shall be paid to the Union Fund." Personal guarantees against loss were given by several members. The mere mention of the possibility of any profit ever resulting from the publication shows how ignorant the members of the Union paper, and the wisdom of setting up a guarantee fund was soon manifest.

Rev. W.F. Clarke, who occupied the editorial chair for two years, was also an earnest and faithful pastor. He is remembered by many for his two hobbies - he was an ardent disciple of Izaak Walton, and he had a national reputation as an authority on bee-keeping. Both these avocations he followed as time permitted during his pastorates at London, Guelph, Listowel, and other places. For a time, also, he was editor of the Canada Farmer.

On June 14, 1859, Mr. Clarke was designated to the British Columbia mission of the Colonial Missionary Society of London, England. His work was principally among the colored people - refugees from the Southern States. The designation service took place in Zion Chapel, Toronto. For two years prior to this Mr. Clarke had held a temporary pastorate in Wisconsin, and strong pressure was brought upon him to accept the permanent pastorate. During the period of indecision, he received a letter from the Colonial Society conveying an urgent invitation to become its first missionary to British Columbia. His experience of colonial life and his acquaintance with missionary pioneering fitted him for the task. The Hudson's Bay Company gave Mr. Clarke land in Victoria upon which to build a church edifice. With their permission this site was exchanged for a more suitable one "on a side hill near the summit of the highest point in Victoria, and very central," as Mr. Clarke described it. He wrote: "My family and I have been subject to persecution and annoyance in various forms: my little children taunted by other children in the streets with having 'the nigger preacher' for a father - laughed at for sitting beside 'niggers' in Sunday school and at meeting, and told we shall not be allowed to have church much longer - echoes of utterances they heard at home. Mr. Clarke's opponents resorted to all kinds of tactics. A document was prepared for transmission of the Colonial Missionary Society protesting against his work among the negroes, and, in order to swell the list of signatures, it was taken, the evening before the mail steamer left for San Francisco, to the hotel where most of the miners stopped. Some one harangued the crowd and put

the question, "Shall white men or negroes rule in this colony?" - and, on the white men being elected by acclamation to rule, all who were of that mind were invited to sign the document.

The missionary spirit was in the family, and thirty years later, one of Mr. Clarke's daughters, Minnehaha (Laughing Water) became one of the early Canadian missionaries to Angola, and she laid down her life on the mission field in 1892.

After some time spent in the West Mr. Clarke returned to Ontario and in 1874 the Ontario Government appointed him to the Rectorship of the Provincial Farm and School of Agriculture (now the Ontario Agricultural College) at Guelph. His last active pastorate was Guelph.

But to return to the paper. At the Annual Meeting of the Union in 1855, held in Kingston, it was found that the publication expenses of the year had exceeded the receipts, and there was some hesitation about continuing the paper. It was recorded, however, that Mr. Clarke's editorial work had surpassed expectation, and the value of the periodical to the denomination was unquestioned. Mr. Clarke intimated that, provided 1,200 subscribers could be pledged, he would assume the financial responsibility himself. A subscription list was immediately opened and 31 pounds 5s 0d guaranteed for the next two issues. The announcement was then made that although the required number had not been obtained, the paper would go on. The size, however, was reduced to a folio of four pages.

Another year passed, and at the Hamilton meeting in 1856, Rev. W.F. Clarke reported a deficiency of 89 pounds, that four hundred subscribers were in arrears, and there was a further loss of fully one hundred pounds on account of the printing office which he had to purchase. Steps were taken to compensate Mr. Clarke for his loss.

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(The Chronicle of the Century by Lorne Pierce)

ALLWORTH, Reverend William Henry (1818-1896)

Obituary - Canadian Congregational Year Book (1897/98):

QUOTE:

Mr. Allworth was born in Westbury, England, March 18th, 1818; and was consequently 78 years old at the time of his death. Of the circumstances of his early life, or his conversion, the Editor has never been informed. Coming to this country early in life, he went through the four-years course in theological study in the "Congregational Institute," Toronto, afterwards the "Congregational College," Montreal, under the late Dr. Lillie, and graduated therefrom in 1845; his name standing "13" in the now somewhat long list of graduates. He was seven years at Port Stanley; five years

at Barton, near Hamilton; five years in Markham; and then his most important pastorate of 18 years at Paris, Ontario. Here he might have continued to labor, had his son not started a weekly paper in the town, and the father become mixed up with some strong political articles which probably he had nothing to do with. However, he thought it best to resign; and after a couple of short pastorates, he went to Michigan, where his eldest son, Rev. John Allworth, and his son-in-law, Rev. William Ewing, were already laboring. Two short pastorates in Michigan; and then he quietly made his home with his only daughter, Mrs. Ewing.

Mr. Allworth was, from the first, very Arminian in the cast of his theology. Had he been in Scotland, he would have been in perfect accord with the Evangelical Union people. To the surprise of most of us, he resigned his membership in the Congregational Union in 1868, after the unfortunate "Synod of dort" held in Hamilton that year - because he judged that the Union was Calvinistic, and merely tolerated those of the other school; and it was not till some years afterward, when he was satisfied that the right of the one school to membership was as clearly defined as the other, that he came back into membership. He was a man of commanding presence, with florid complexion and beard; free of utterance; more anxious to convince you than to polish the sentences by which the convincing was done; much devoted to his family, with one of the "wise women" of the world for his wife' generous and hearty; with an open hand, and a spare corner at his table, at all times. His memory is fragrant wherever he labored; and his translation was like that of some of those Old Testament prophets he so much resembled. He had been speaking at a prayer-meeting; and giving some earnest warnings about what he believed to be dishonest treatment of the Scriptures at the hands of some of its professed friends, when, having closed his remarks, he seemed to be looking for a chair, when two friends sprang forward to assist him. They placed him in a seat, but the spirit, even already, had fled. He had looked upon God's face, and the reflection was left in his own, but he "was not" for God took him. This was on the 29th of October last, 1896, at Lansing, Michigan. Mr. Allworth in 1866, was honored by his brethren in being placed in the chair of the Union for that year.

UNQUOTE

Rev. Allworth was minister of Barton Stone Presbyterian Church from 1855 to 1861 - previously he had served at Burford and Port Stanley. From Barton he went to Markham and Stouffille, then to Paris and St. Thomas. He also served at Glanford Congregational Church. Rev. Allworth died at Lansing, Michigan October 29th, 1896.

HAY, Reverend William (1822-1897)

Obituary - The Congregationalist and Canadian Independent,
February 4th, 1897 by Rev. J.K. Unsworth:

QUOTE:



Rev. Wm. Hay

In the death of Rev. Wm. Hay, there passes away another pioneer of Canadian Congregationalism, the most permanent of its pastors and one of the blameless members of its ministry.

I have just now been turning over the yellowing leaves of the old church book of the Scotland Church, and have found among its minutes, under date, August 7th, 1847, the invitation to "Mr. Wm. Hay to accept the pastoral oversight of us, and that we pledge ourselves to support him according to the ability that God has given us." It was but yesterday in the annual meeting of the same church, one member of which remains to bridge the years from 1847 to 1897, that we spoke of him who had ceased, only a few days since, to be our honorary and honored pastor. As pastor, active and honorary, he stood among the church of his young manhood for fifty years, and then, having received an invitation to renew his youth and enlarge his service, he passed out of our sight.

If for no other reason, Mr. Hay's ministry was notable for the length of pastorate in one field. No other man in our denomination in Canada, and few in others, have, in recent years at least, maintained so long a pastorate. Of few men can be chronicled his picturesque experience - a young college graduate of twenty-five years writing his letter of acceptance, and a gray-haired veteran and father of seventy-two years presenting his letter of resignation to the same church. In these restless times a sight like this sheds peace. In these exceedingly business-like days, when we hire ministers for exceedingly short pastorates, it does us good to think of this spiritual father residing among his people, decade after decade, for half a century.

William Hay was born in Perth, Ontario, Jan. 16th, 1822, and died in Scotland, Ontario, Jan. 16th 1897, completing to the day his seventy-fifth year. He removed in growing boyhood to Warwick, where his father became deacon of the church, and where he himself was converted. Encouraged by the church he entered the Congregational Institute at Toronto, then under the presidency of Dr. Lillie, and after four years graduated in 1847. Among his fellow students of that time were W.F. Clarke, W.H. Allworth, K.M. Fenwick, J.C. Geikie and F. H. Marling. Two of these, Clarke and Allworth, were his predecessors in Scotland. In a few months he received and accepted a call to this church. The young man who moved the resolution, Augustus Malcolm, and the young pastor became intimate friends and neighbors, and it was at the funeral, a few months ago, of his aged brother and senior deacon that Mr. Hay appeared for the last time in public, too frail in health and overcome with feeling to trust himself to speak. Early in the new year he was ordained by Revs. Lillie, Roaf, Baker, Wm. Clarke and Vincent. We could not fail to notice that it was on Jan. 19th, the date of his ordination, that we laid him away in the cemetery.

The young preacher bestirred himself so that after two years they exchanged the school-house for a comfortable church, still standing and still comfortable, as the accompanying cut shows. He added Kelvin and Burford to his parish, the latter in 1855, relinquishing this charge only six years ago. Those days were times of revivals. In 1853, over fifty were added to the church, and thirty-five in one month of 1860. In all, he has welcomed to the communion table of the three churches about one thousand members. As from all vital country churches, so from this church, many young men and young women have gone out into Christian service in the larger world. Among these were the following students of our college, Bryning, Robert Hay, J.M. Smith, Malcolm, Eadie, and Willett.

With a broad conception of the ministry he identified himself with the educational interests of the community, acting for five years as local superintendent of schools for the townships of Burford and Oakland, and chairman of the Board of Public Instruction, a local examining body for the counties of Brant and Oxford. Mr. Hay attained the highest post of honor in our denomination, in being elected chairman of the Union in 1863. He also held the highest ecclesiastical position in the Masonic Order, of which he was an enthusiastic member, acting as Grand Chaplain in 1880.

The only break in the pastoral relationship was in 1868, when he took charge of the Belleville Church, but after a few restless months he returned to his first and only love. In his reminiscent talks he always kept that leaf turned down as if it had not been written. The years moved rapidly on with few events for the chronicler but years full of regenerating force for the community and blessing for himself. The great sadness of his life came in 1890, when he lost his faithful wife. Shortly afterwards he relinquished the Burford Church. He spent his last years in

Scotland living under the shadow of the church he had erected, like a grandfather among his people, mellowing more and more, preaching and living nothing but love. Two years and a half ago he called me to his aid, and after several months of cordial co-operation transferred his pulpit to me, remaining the honorary pastor of the church. A nervous affection which gradually deprived him of the use of his limbs, and in the last days of thought and speech brought death to him. Ministered to by his children's hands, in the midst of his own folk, he passed out of our sight. His last words spoken in reply to my greeting, were, "Good morning." I treasure the words; they breathe hope, they presage daybreak, his last words on earth, were they not his first in Heaven?

UNQUOTE

UNSWORTH, Reverend Joseph Kenny, D.D. (1862-1938)

Born - December 7th, 1862 Georgetown, Ontario.

Educated - McGill University 1880/84 BA, Congregational College 1884/87.

Ordained - Congregational Church, Paris, Ontario July 12th 1887.

Pastorates - Paris 1887/90
Winnipeg 1890/92
(ill health) 1892/94
Scotland 1894/1900
Hamilton 1900/07
Westmount 1908/10
Spokane 1910/11
Vancouver 1911/16
Nanaimo 1917 -

Married - Elma Keachie of Burford, Ontario on 9 July 1901.

Father - Rev. Joseph Unsworth, Congregational Church, Georgetown, Ontario for 28 years and Stouffville 10 years.

Died - Victoria, 16 December 1938.

BOLTON, Reverend Charles E. (died 1909)

Educated - Congregational College

Ordained - 1881

Pastorates - 1880/83 Inverness, P.Q.
1884/90 Whitby
1891/94 Paris
1895/96 Kincardine
1897/01 Belwood - Fergus - Garafraxa
1902 St. Catherines
1902/06 Scotland

HOBBS, Reverend Edwin (1849-1916)

Educated - Chicago Theological Seminary.

Ordained - 1879.

MORLEY, Reverend George Esmond (1883-1957)

Obituary - Hamilton Conference minutes, 1958:

QUOTE:

George Esmond Morley was born in North Dorchester Township, Middlesex County, on November 18, 1883. He attended Norwich High School and Victoria College.

Before ordination he supplied Congregational Churches in London and Woodstock. He became an ordained minister of the Congregational Church in 1914 while serving at Scotland, Ontario. He continued his ministry in the Congregational Church at Stratford and in the Methodist Church at Teeterville.

For about ten years Mr. Morley did not have a pastoral charge so he could undertake a specialized type of ministry. Travelling from place to place he would preach on Sunday morning, give a sermon recital in the evening, and on Monday evening given an elocutionary concert, assisted by talent from the local community.

In 1929 he returned to the regular ministry and served the United Church of Canada in pastorates at Dawn Mills, Springfield, Harwich and from 1942 to 1957 at Port Dover.

Early in 1957 Mr. Morley went to Toronto General Hospital for an operation and returned to his home in Port Dover in the middle of April in too weakened a condition to resume his ministerial duties. In mid-summer he retired in the village of Belmont where he died on October 12, 1957.

In 1912 he married Lula May Abraham of North Norwich Township who predeceased him in 1935. They had two children, Alison, now Mrs. Sam Richardson of Belmont, and Carroll William who died in 1927.

In 1939 he married Gladys Gale who survives him, as do his sisters, Mrs. S. Pascoe and Mrs. Charles Bougner of Norwich, two brothers, Wilbur of Burgessville and Ernest of Norwich, and three grandchildren, Ruth, Jean and Bill Richardson of Belmont.

Funeral services were held in Port Dover on October 15, 1957. A private service for the family was conducted by Rev. S. Edworthy in the Thompson Funeral Home in Port Dover, which was followed by a public service in Grace United Church, Port Dover, where he ministered so faithfully for the past fifteen years. Rev. A.E.

Elliott, chairman of Haldimand-Norfolk Presbytery, was in charge of the service. Dr. W.J. Mumford paid high tribute to a faithful friend, a preacher of extraordinary talent, and a loyal minister of the Kingdom of God. The Church choir, of which Mrs. Morley had been leader for many years, rendered the anthem, "The Lord is My Shepherd".

UNQUOTE

ORR, Reverend Arthur Joseph (1883-1961)

Born - March 29th 1883

Died - February 3rd 1961

Ordained - May 21st, 1913 - Congregational Theological College, joined Presbyterian Church - October 1919.

Wife - Frances was in Ontario Hospital, Hamilton at the time of Rev. Orr's death. She was born January 1st, 1881 - died December 12th 1966.

Obituary - Hamilton Conference Minutes, 1961:

QUOTE:

On Friday, February 3, 1961 at the General Hospital, Kincardine there passed away Rev. Arthur J. Orr in his seventy-eighth year. Born in Barnet, England in 1884, he there attended college as a young man. Later emigrating to Canada he continued his studies at McGill University and College where he was rewarded by winning a gold medal. Graduating in 1913 he was ordained into the ministry of the Congregational Church, and held pastorates in Woodstock, Scotland and Elco; and in the United Church at Annan, McLennan, Mono Mills, Melville, Underwood and Mount Hope, from which place he superannuated in 1958 after a pastorate of 45 years. Retiring to Kincardine, he continued in the work as the Minister of Zion United Church until he was forced by ill health to give up.

Mr. Orr's first wife, Bertha Jane Parhan, predeceased him in 1923. Besides his wife, nee Frances Kemp, he leaves to mourn three sons, Arthur of Toronto; Ewart of Kapuskasing; Dr. Kenneth of Elliott Lake; and one daughter Beatrice (Mrs. Reg. Avis) of Bruce Township, and ten grandchildren. Three sisters also survive, two of whom reside in England.

The funeral service was held from the Linklater Funeral Home on Monday, Feb. 6, 1961 with Rev. W.E. Milroy officiating, assisted by Rev. J.W. Shaver, Chairman of the Presbytery of Bruce, Rev. W.R. Lake and Rev. J.C. Hutton. The Ministers of the Presbytery were honorary pallbearers. Temporary interment took place in the Kincardine Cemetery Chapel with the final resting place to be Annan Cemetery.

Mr. Orr will be remembered as a man of quiet, kindly disposition, understanding and sympathetic, but one of faithfulness and trust in his Heavenly Father. His life was one of service where he served the Lord, Jesus Christ, as he served those entrusted to him.

UNQUOTE

MANN, Reverend Andrew Elliott (1871-1935)

Educated - England

Ordained - 1908
 1908/14 Selmah - Maitland, N.S.
 1915 - ill health at Vittoria - retired to
 Brantford
 1917/24 Scotland
 1927/28 Vittoria - Walsh
 1929/30 Bluevale
 1933/35 Wellburn

Died - February 25th 1935 at Wellburn, Ontario of a heart attack - buried St. Marys Cemetery.

Married - Emily Ann Edgar -died at Scarboro July 14th 1948.

Children - Andrew of Toronto; Emily Catherine (Mrs. Ralph Eddy) of Galt; Harry Charles of Toronto.

Obituary - London Conference Minutes, 1935:

QUOTE:

Andrew E. Mann was born on the 22nd of April 1871 in Scotland. When a boy he moved with his parents to London, England, where he lived until he entered the ministry. He was ordained into the Christian ministry in the Countess of Huntingdon Connection in 1908. The 'Connection' is in affiliation with the Congregational Union of England and Wales.

After a few years of devoted service in the Motherland he heard the call to Canada and transferred his services to the Congregational Union in Canada. His first charge in Canada was Lower Selmah in Nova Scotia. His next Charge was Scotland, Ontario. Following that was Vittoria, Ontario. While at Vittoria he had a serious illness which necessitated retirement for two years. These years were spent in Brantford. From thence he moved to Bluevale in the London Conference, and thence to Wellburn, where he was called home on Monday the 25th of February 1935.

His passing was calm, sweet and courageous. For some time he had been ailing, but was apparently getting better when he was called.

Brother Mann loved the Church of God. He loved his Saviour. He was entirely devoted to the service of His Lord. Day by day he gave unstintingly of his life to those who were fortunate enough to share his ministry. He consecrated his entire abilities of mind, body and spirit, to the Kingdom, and found great happiness in the service. In the pulpit he was a student and a man; in the homes he was a pastor beloved, full of sympathy and kindness. In his own home he was wise and good as a husband, father and friend.

His beloved partner shared fully in all his labours. She had experience in mission work, and lent refined ability to his life, which was so richly endowed, and so quickly terminated on earth.

The funeral was conducted on February 27th by Rev. Harry Royle, who was assisted by the following: Revs. John A. Agnew, R. Keith Love, M.C. Cook, A.H. Hare, James Scobie.

GOSLING, Reverend Lewis Ernest (1874-)

Born - 15th August 1874, London, England

Educated - National Schools, London 1879/86
Bible Training School, Toronto 1900
Manitoba College, 1902/08 (diploma - 1908)
Licensed - Presbytery of Winnipeg, March 1908

Pastorates - Burnt Lake, Alberta 1908/11
Trochu, Alberta 1911/13 (Red Deer Presbytery)
N. Lunenburg, Ont. 1913/19
Duart, Ont. 1919/25
Scotland, Ont. 1925/26

Married - Winnifred Freeborn Krieger of Souris, Manitoba on 6
Apr. 1908 - three children: Chas Harwood, Francis
Freeborn, Ronald Lewis.

March 30th, 1918, Rev. Gosling writes:

My work as a minister was not planned by myself. I had charge of an Interior and Exterior decorating department for the G.T.R. left that to go to Toronto Bible Training College to fit myself for Bible Class work. Here I went out as a colporteur, and was urged by so many Presbyterian Ministers to take up the regular work of the ministry. The late D. Jas. Robertson also urged me to go out West and it was his appeal that sent me West. My first preaching was done in Yonge St. Mission where I addressed the poor people who came there. In colporteur work I covered over 3000 miles of territory (on a bicycle) in country west and north of Toronto, this experience was invaluable in teaching me how to meet men. My mission work of the West I esteem as the most valuable of all my activities, because even to this day I can see the large results from that pioneer work.

STEPHENSON, Reverend George Isaac (1880-1974)

Obituary - Toronto Conference Minutes, 1975:

QUOTE:

George Stephenson, a minister of the United Church of Canada, served his entire ministry in the Hamilton Conference. George and his wife, Del, had been associated with Thornhill United Church for fourteen years, since 1958, and had resided at Shepherd Lodge, Agincourt, during the last two years.

Born at Arthur, Ontario, on July 1st, 1880, the son of a farmer and storekeeper, George gained his early spiritual training in the Methodist church there, and later studied for the ministry at Victoria College, gaining a B.A. degree in 1910 and graduating in Theology in 1912. His last charge was Cargill, in Bruce Presbytery. A highlight of George's ministry was bringing the Ayr Pastoral Charge into Union after 1925. George was keenly interested in youth work and was one of the founders of the Ryerson Beach Summer School on Lake Erie, near Simcoe, and also the Miromichee Camp at Port Elgin, on Lake Huron.

George was noted for his continuing interest in learning and taking extra courses. While evangelical in his outlook, he was modernist in Bible study. Music was always an outstanding feature of his ministerial leadership. It was music which brought George and Del together. When George's future father-in-law, the Rev. Dr. John Locke, then minister of Davenport Methodist Church in Toronto, requested the quartet from Victoria College to help in special services, George was a member of the quartet and met Del at the parsonage after the service. This happy meeting flowered into a beautiful marriage which lasted for over sixty years. An interesting fact is that Del was born in Thornhill when her father, Dr. Locke, served the Thornhill Methodist Church on Centre Street (1889-1892).

Two years after retirement in 1950, the United Church Mission Council appointed George to be Chaplain at Lambert Lodge, which post he held for eleven years. He enjoyed the work and looked forward to his contacts with the people three afternoons a week, conducting sacramental services frequently. It was one of the happiest periods of his life.

George's spiritual radiance and zest for living were an inspiration to all who knew him. At age 80, he took up oil painting and has a number of impressive landscapes to his credit. At 82, George and Del travelled to Britain and followed a busy itinerary without fatigue. George enjoyed skating and, in his late years, was noted for his long "constitutionals". Other enduring interests were cooking and gardening. He died on 4 Oct 1974.

The Stephenson's son, Ken, lives in Willowdale; daughter, Norma (Mrs. Percy Young) lives in Huntsville; daughter, Rev. Muriel

Stephenson, a missionary with the United Church of Canada, is presently serving in Ratlam, India; and Muriel's twin sister, Isobel (Mrs. Leonard Keighley) is a missionary, just returned from Japan and now living in Thornhill.

One always felt close to God in George's presence and refreshed by his modesty and bright spirit. We give thanks to God, today, for this life of devoted service. Amen.

"I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one cometh unto the Father, but by me."

St. John 14:6

UNQUOTE

(his widow, Dell Stephenson, died 14 Nov 1977 at Agincourt)

Pastoral charges - Caistorville 1912/15
 Curries 1915/17
 Nassagawa 1917/19
 Allenford 1919/21
 Stirton 1921/25
 Ayr 1925/26
 Scotland 1926/29
 Old Wyndham 1929/31
 Lions Head 1931/33
 Limehouse 1933/37
 Eramosa 1937/39
 Tapleytown 1939/44
 Tintern 1944/47
 Gargill 1947/50
 Retired 1950

McKNIGHT, Reverend Ray (Wray) J. (1903-1981)

Obituary - Hamilton Conference Minutes, 1982

QUOTE:

The Reverend Ray McKnight died in Hamilton on August 10, 1981. He was born on May 20, 1903 and retired in 1950 because of complications from measles encephalitis.

He served The United Church at pastorates in Tobermory, Scotland, London, Amherstburg and Tilbury, as well as serving in the Air Force. While in Essex Presbytery, he was very actively involved with youth camping. He leaves his wife, Dorothy, four children and five grandchildren.

Ray McKnight was a member of Olivet United Church, Hamilton, where he sang in the choir for a time and assisted at communion services. He is remembered there for his friendly and unassuming manner and abiding faith.

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(Dorothy McKnight died 10 May 1986)



NEW MINISTER — The Rev. R. J. McKnight, formerly of Amherstburg and London, was inducted into the pastoral charge of Tilbury and Quinn at a largely attended service of the two congregations.

BURBIDGE, Reverend Wildrid Arnold (1897-1978)

Pastorates - 1915/19 Mt. Allison University - B.A.
 1919/20 Ingonish and Cape North
 1920/23 Victoria university B.D.
 1923/24 Walton
 Ordained, Bridgeport, N.S., 1924
 1924/25 Grand Pre
 1925 To Korea
 1926 Married, April
 1927 Wonsan (Margaret born)
 1930 Sangjin (Allison born)
 1936 Hoiryung (John born)
 1941 Returned to Canada
 July 1st, Scotland, Northfield, Harley Charge
 1946 July 1st, Grace United Church, Hamilton,
 Ontario
 1951 December 1st, Scotland, Northfield, Harley
 Charge
 1957 Superintendent, All People's Mission, Hamilton
 Minister, All People's Mission and St.
 Christopher's United Church - Director, Rest-
 All Camp, Hamilton Conference.
 1967 "Retired"
 1967/72 Chaplain, Riverdale Hospital, Toronto.
 1967/69 Korean United Church, Minister in Charge,
 Toronto.
 1969/70 St. Enoch's Church, Toronto, Retired
 Supply.
 1970/71 West Don Parish, St. Enoch's, Regent Park,
 Saint Luke's.
 1971/76 Assisting Minister, Saint Luke's.
 1977/78 Assisting Minister, College Street United
 Church.

Obituary - Toronto Area Presbytery Minutes, 1979:

QUOTE:

Wilfred Arnold Burbidge was born on August 9, 1897 in Lower Canard, Nova Scotia, the eldest son of Leander Rand Burbidge and Elizabeth Clark. After graduating from Mount Allison University in 1919 he spent a year as a Methodist probationer at Ingonish and Cape North in Cape Breton Island. Three years studying theology at Victoria University, Toronto, resulted in his receiving the B.D. degree. When his second probationary year at Walton, Nova Scotia, was completed he was ordained to the Methodist ministry at Bridgeport, Nova Scotia on June 22, 1924.

While serving his first charge at Grand Pre, Nova Scotia, he was accepted as a missionary by the Presbyterian Foreign Mission Board of the United Church of Canada to go to Korea in 1925. The new year he married Margaret Pearl Anderson, a missionary of the Presbyterian Church from Westmeath, Ontario, who had been in Korea since 1923. Language study at Wonsan and Seowl led to successive postings to Sangjin and Hoiryung. On his first furlough, he studied agriculture at Cornell University, so that he served not only as an evangelist but also as an agriculturalist.

The impending war forced him to return to Canada in May 1941, following by six months his family, now including three children; Margaret 13, Allison 10, and John 4. From 1941 to 1946 he served Scotland Pastoral Charge in Ontario and returned there in 1951 after five years at Grace United Church in Hamilton, Ontario. In 1957 he was appointed superintendent of the All People's Mission in Hamilton, ministering to All People's and St. Christopher's Church, supervising their ministries and developing an active summer camping program at Rest-All Camp. During his superintendence the camp moved from a small lot at Port Ryerse to its present location near Ayr, Ontario.

In 1967, at the age of seventy, and after forty-five years of service he retired and moved to Toronto. There he immediately became a hospital chaplain at Riverdale Hospital and the first minister of the Korean United Church. Subsequently, he served as retired supply at St. Enoch's Church and as retired assistant at Saint Luke's Church. In 1977 he became retired assistant at College Street United Church where he was active at the time of his death on October 7, 1978.

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NUNN, Major (Rev) Rodger Cole (1910-1971)

Obituary - Montreal - Ottawa Conference Minutes, 1972.

QUOTE:

Major (Rev.) Roger Cole Nunn died suddenly in hospital in Toronto, Ontario, on Monday, July 26, 1971, at the age of 61 years.

Major Nunn was born in Winnipeg and received his early education in Hamilton. He obtained his Arts Degree from Queen's University, Bachelor of Divinity from Emmanuel Theological College and was ordained by the Hamilton Conference in 1936.

Major Nunn's service as an Ordained Minister was divided between service as a Chaplain in the Armed Forces and for fourteen years in Pastoral Charges. He served in Kitchener, Cayuga, Hamilton and Scotland, Ontario. He and Mrs. Nunn served as Missionaries in Hamheung (Kanko) North Korea for nearly a year in 1940.

Major Nunn served as a Chaplain in the Armed Forces in Camp Borden, Ontario, from May 1945 to July 1946. He re-enlisted in 1950 to serve as Chaplain in the 2 Bn PPCLI, 25 Canadian Infantry Brigade, in Korea in 1950 - 51. There followed service as Chaplain in Barriefield, with 1 Canadian Infantry Brigade in North-West Europe for 2 years and subsequently stations in Montreal, Kingston and Ottawa.

Major Nunn retired from the Armed Forces as Chaplain in 1965 and requested to be left without appointment to take up teaching duties with the Ottawa Collegiate Institute Board where he continued until his death.

The Funeral Service was conducted in Trinity United Church on Thursday, July 29, where Major Nunn had served as a member of the Session and of the Choir and as a Teacher in the Sunday School. The Rev. H.M. Pentland conducted the Service and was assisted by the Reverends Marvin J.D. Carson, James T.H. Adamson and James R. Millar.

Mr. Pentland chose as his text the 16th verse of the First Chapter of the Gospel of John: -

"Everyone of us has shared in His riches ...
there is grace in our lives because of His
grace."

These words were written by a man who may have known Jesus personally but more likely one who had a close spiritual relationship with Jesus. He reflected long and deeply on what he had seen and heard. In speaking of the life of Major Nunn, Mr. Pentland borrowed the words of the text and spoke in these terms: -

"He was a believer in Jesus Christ.

He relied on that grace of God which Jesus shared in his own life with others, and his life illustrated that same grace.

His gracious living was shared with his family through the years, despite the heavy responsibilities of his daily work. He found time for each member of his family.

His gracious living was experienced by those whom he served in parishes, in military units, in high schools, Sunday School, Church Choir and the Church Session.

He was supremely a PASTOR who cared for each person as if he had no one else to care for and cared for all as if he cared for one.

His affection for people often caused him to give himself to them at considerable cost to his own health.

He had the grace of a thankful and uncomplaining spirit.

He had the grace of boldness in standing for what is right.

He had the grace of strict truthfulness and firm self-discipline.

He had the grace of charity which communicated that he believe in people and continued to believe in them even when they made mistakes ... the grace of forgiveness and tenderness which helped people to believe in themselves again.

He endeavoured to pattern his own life after the life of Jesus for one of his favourite texts in scripture was:

"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes."

Major Nunn is survived by his wife, the former Anna Dickey, sons Robert and Bernard, daughters Emily Jane and Kathleen, 3 grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. R.C. Bray of Kingston. He was laid to rest in Pinecrest Cemetery, Ottawa.

UNQUOTE

Born - January 15th, 1910 Winnipeg
 Died - July 26th 1971 Toronto
 Education - Theology, Queens and Emmanuel College Toronto.
 Licensed - May 1936 Hamilton Presbytery.
 Married - Anna Beulah Dickey B.A.
 Children - Robert Carl born 1939; Bernard; Emily Jane; Kathleen
 Pastoral charges -
 Knox, Cayuga 1937/39
 Central, Hamilton 1941/45
 Scotland 1946/50
 Chaplain 1950/67
 High School teacher 1971

MUNDY, Reverend George A.

Born - September 17th 1923
 Ordained - June 9th 1954 Belleville - Bridge Street U.C.

KNOX, Reverend Lorne Austin (1898-1965)

Obituary - Hamilton Conference Minutes, 1966.

QUOTE:

Rev. Lorne A. Knox, son of Robert Knox and Jean Hay of Alma, Ontario, was born on March 24th, 1898.

At an early age his aim in life was the Christian ministry. Graduating from Fergus High School, attaining a Bachelor of Arts Degree at Victoria University and Ordination at Knox College, Toronto, in 1924, that desire was fulfilled.

Having served on mission fields as a student in the west, he responded to an appeal by the Home Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church for ordained ministers needed in the Maritimes.

Following a pastorate of one year in the Presbyterian Church and twelve with the United Church in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia he returned to Ontario in July, 1937.

During his pastorate on the New Bandon charge in New Brunswick he married Estella Hornibrook who survives him. He leaves also two sons, Leslie of Scarborough, Hugh, Willowdale, daughter Lorna (Mrs. Clair Hilborn), Peterborough, a brother Ray in California and ten grandchildren.

Throughout Mr. Knox's ministry he preached to congregations in village, town and country with Presbyterian, Methodist and congregational origin, the latter at Scotland, Brantford Presbytery (1958-1963). It was while there he found it necessary to give up full time work owing to ill health.

His last year in the ministry was spent at a Delaware Indian Mission founded by Moravian Missionaries in 1792, taken over by the Methodist Church in 1902 and by the United Church, June, 1925. Nearby at Fairfield Village on No. 2 Highway is a museum owned by the United Church of Canada. There, many church documents pertaining to the Moravian faith, also historical data dating back to John Huss are preserved and displayed. It was at this museum which is linked with Moraviantown United Church that Mr. Knox served as curator and minister under Home Mission Board.

The pastorates upon which he served were: Plaster Rock, New Bandon, Hillsboro, New Brunswick; Bridgeville, Sunnybrae, Nova Scotia; Holstein, Clifford, Nanticoke, Scotland, Harwood and Bethesda Mission Churches in Toronto, all in Ontario.

Again illness in 1964 forced complete retirement in Windsor, Ontario, where he passed away November 15th, 1965. Funeral service at the Anderson Funeral Home was conducted by Rev. Earl B. Eddy of St. Paul's United Church, Windsor. Following a chapel service conducted by Rev. T. J. Rees. Elora, assisted by ministers representing Brantford Presbytery, burial was in Elora Cemetery.

UNQUOTE

Born - March 24th 1898 Alma, Ont.
 Married - 1927 to Estella Hornibrook.
 Children - Two sons, one daughter.

Pastoral charges -

South Richmond 1924/25
 New Bandon 1925/27
 Bridgewater 1927/31
 Plaster Rock 1931/35
 Hillsboro 1935/37
 Salem - Riverdale (Ontario) 1937/40
 Holstein 1940/44
 Clifford 1944/49
 Nanticoke 1949/53
 Without charge 1953/58
 Scotland 1958/63
 Retired 1963

CURREY, Reverend Erla Mary (1911-1985)

Obituary -

QUOTE:

Rev. Erla M. Currey passed away at Brantford General Hospital on Monday, January 7, 1985, in her 74th year.

She was loved by her extended family and a host of friends. Rev. Currey served faithfully and diligently in United Churches in Toronto, Central Butte, Sask., Orton, Shedden, Ottawa, Scotland, Brantford, St. George, Courtland and Mount Elgin, and at the time of her death was minister of visitation at Colborne St. United Church, Brantford.

Friends will be received at the Beckett-Glaves Funeral Home, 88 Brant Ave., Brantford, today (Wednesday) from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Funeral service will be held at Colborne St. United Church on Thursday, January 10 at 11 a.m. under the auspices of Erie Presbytery of the United Church of Canada.

Interment in Scotland Cemetery.

Memorial donations to the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church of Canada or to your favorite charity would be gratefully appreciated.

UNQUOTE

Born - February 18th 1911 Newmarket.

Education - Victoria University, United Church Training School, Emmanuel College - B.A. 1933 - Diploma Emmanuel 1943.

Home Church - Queen St. United, Toronto.

Ordained - Sept. 1943 Toronto.

Pastorates - Central Butte, Sask. 1943/48
Orton, Ontario 1948/55
Shedden 1955/59
Ottawa (Chalmers) 1959/63
Scotland 1963/74

BENNETT, Reverend Alan Henderson (1941-)

Born - February 12th 1941 Toronto.

Married - July 3rd 1965 Wendy Ann Matthews of Montreal.

Children - Mark Alan, Kimberly Ann, Joshua Gordon.

Education - Carelton University B.A.
Queens University - Teaching certificate
Emmanuel College B.D. 1970
Toronto School of Theology D. Min. 1987

Home Church - MacKay United, Ottawa.

Ordained - May 27th 1970.

Charges - Missionary, Zambia 1970/74
Montreal 1974
Scotland 1974/79
First United, St. Catharines 1979/88
Wall Street United, Brockville 1988

JOHANSON, Reverend James W.

Born - March 15th 1933, Windsor.

Ordained - 1962 by Toronto Association of Baptist Churches -
transferred to U.C. 1970.

Pastoral charges -
Bothwell
Moraviantown
Cotton and Kettle Pt. and St. Clair
Scotland - 1990

JOHANSON, Reverend Eleanore

Graduated - Emmanuel College.

Ordained - 1987, served at Arkona before coming to Scotland.

SCOTLAND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

1855 - Scotland, Oakland and Big Creek
 1856 - Scotland and Kelvin
 1857 to 1891 - Scotland, Kelvin and Burford
 1892 - Scotland
 1925 - entered the United Church at Union.

Ministers	Adherents	Members	Local (dollars)	Total (dollars)
1855. William Hay.	330	103	1121	1130
1856. do.	260	108	-	178
1857. do.	350	130	1022	1122
1858. do.	315	151	922	1191
1859 - 1860 do.	No reports.			
1861. do.	300	98	400	470
1862. do.	400	103	510	600
1863. do.	300	104	380	470
1864. do.	350	110	400	510
1865. do.	300	107	480	494
1866. do.	300	104	400	490
1867. do.	200	108	540	615
1868. do.	200	101	460	493
1869. do.	300	131	500	565
1870. do.	300	131	700	757
1871. do.	300	130	600	685
1872. do.	-	145	810	885
1873. do.	580	198	1005	1163
1874. do.	325	191	500	545
1875. do.	325	141	550	550
1876. do.	250	156	500	570
1877. do.	460	140	480	530
1878. do.	550	113	500	585
1879. do.	600	112	500	541
1880. do.	600	110	509	572
1881. do.	400	140	549	587
1882. do.	400	137	505	619
1883. do.	400	137	744	817
1884. do.	300	137	500	608
1885. do.	400	147	541	600
1886. do.	400	142	575	676
1887. do.	400	133	608	696
1888. do.	400	149	558	664
1889. do.	400	147	550	658
1890. do.	350	145	609	707
1891. William Hay.	425	141	514	601
1892. do.	425	156	590	677
1893. do.	400	142	539	617
1894. do.	420	154	448	696
1895. J.K. Unsworth.	300	110	498	560
1896. do.	300	108	584	652
1897. do.	350	126	566	666
1898. do.	400	134	807	908
1899. do.	375	100	546	892

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1900.Vacant.	-	99	670	846
1901.do.	250	100	787	1060
1902.A.M.Boyd.	175	72	600	827
1903.Charles E.Bolton.	300	99	775	903
1904.do.	300	100	810	1011
1905.do.	300	100	847	974
1906.Vacant.	300	99	729	1100
1907a,Edwin Hobbs.	300	126	864	1038
1907b.do.	300	117	1083	1349
1908.do.	300	118	958	1234
1909.do.	300	117	775	1147
1910.do.	300	130	903	1201
1911.do.	300	130	835	1226
1912.do.	300	122	928	1176
1913.G.E.Morley.	300	119	1248	1433
1914.A.G.Orr.	300	165	1684	2038
1915.do.	250	102	1698	1951
1916.Vacant.	250	90	1090	1233
1917.A.E.Mann.	256	93	1505	1923
1918 - 1922.do.	No reports.			
1923.do.	250	100	1417	1791
1924.do.	250	98	1110	1505